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## Progress seen as Taba talks overcome crisis

DESPITE a brief Palestinian walkout last night with threats to break off the talks, negotiations here resumed close to midnight. Differences were narrowed on Hebron, leading Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to say he hopes an agreement would be initiated in time for the cabinet to convene either tomorrow or Friday.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat staged a walkout last night over the shape of Israeli maps presented to him, which he charged would lead to "cantonization."

Arafat threatened to leave the talks altogether, but was mollified by phone calls from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and US Secretary of State Warren

Christopher. Peres confirmed in a late night briefing for Israeli journalists. "We cannot accept the Israelis cutting up our land, but both sides will meet again tonight to work this out," said Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani.

Sources say Arafat was particularly offended by remarks by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, who joined the talks for the first time last night and suggested that some Palestinian land would have to be divided for security reasons. Palestinians say the current map does not give them "territorial continuity" between villages, and allows Israeli incursions into Palestinian cities and vil-

DAVID MAKOVSKY  
TABA

lages in order to enable bypass roads to be built for settlers.

While the issue of maps has been discussed by Israelis and Palestinians for two weeks, Peres was not astonished when he said, "Tonight was the first time I think that Arafat saw the maps."

When asked if he thought the walkout was staged as a last-minute negotiating tactic, Peres responded, "I do not think so. I think it reflected the strong feelings that these issues bring out. I don't

think the chairman realized that there can be different zones, but they are still connected."

The issue of maps was not the only unresolved issue. The two sides remained divided on the release of Palestinian prisoners, electricity, and Hebron, although on this last issue there was a narrowing of the gaps that led both sides to be optimistic the issue would be resolved.

There was also a bridging of differences on areas such as archeology and holy sites, including Rachel's Tomb. On this point, Peres said, "We agreed that that Israel would have sole responsibility

for the main road from Gilo that leads to Rachel's Tomb. We decided not to build a new bypass road, as this would involve too much expropriation of land from Arabs."

Furthermore, it was agreed that the Palestinians would establish 25 police stations outside and apparently including municipal areas. An agreement was reached on how many police would serve at each station and that they can use rifles.

Quotas on policemen were reached in the past, but since then Arafat has doubled those numbers.

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### MONEY MAGAZINE

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### Ron Arad's mother: I feel betrayed

ALON PINKAS

BATYA Arad, the mother of missing navigator Ron Arad, said yesterday she feels betrayed by the government's apparent decision to release the hijacked Iranian jet and its passengers.

"The Arad family believes that after nine years in which Ron's whereabouts remain unknown, yet are linked to Iran, it is implausible that Israel would not take advantage of a situation involving Iranian nationals to advance Ron's cause," she said in a radio interview. Arad has been missing since his Phantom was shot down over Lebanon in 1986.

Although Iran denies any knowledge of Arad's whereabouts, it is widely believed here that the Iranians know where he was for part of the time and he may have been held either in Iran or by Iran in Lebanon.

"Mr. Rabin talks about a humanitarian gesture. I'd like to see these gestures work both sides. Today I feel betrayed by my government," Batya Arad said.

Ron Arad's brother Chen told Army Radio that Israel "should use this opportunity to create some kind of connection with the Iranian government."

Tsomet MK Pini Badash sent a telegram to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin demanding that the more than 170 Iranians be exchanged for Ron Arad. "This is an opportunity we have to take advantage of," Badash told The Associated Press. "It's our chance to get Arad back."



IDF special forces guard the rear door of the Iranian Kish Air Boeing 707 airliner at Uvda Air Force Base yesterday. (AP)

## Hijacked Iranian jet lands near Eilat

### Six people on plane ask for asylum

ALON PINKAS

AN Iranian passenger plane bound for a resort in the Persian Gulf was hijacked by a flight attendant after takeoff from Teheran yesterday, then landed at the Uvda Air Force Base northwest of Eilat, after being refused entry to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Last night, the plane was refueled and resupplied, and military cops were brought in for the passengers to spend the night. A decision on allowing the plane to return to Iran is expected today.

The hijacker, in his 30s, who was reportedly fed up with life in Iran, surrendered less than an hour after the Kish Air Boeing 707 carrying 181 people touched down in Israel.

He initially asked for asylum in the United States, but later changed his request to ask to stay in Israel. Five of the passengers have also asked for political asylum in Israel, and their requests are being considered.

After flying over Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan, the pilot headed east to Israel, radioing the Ben-Gurion Airport control tower: "We must land in Tel Aviv. We cannot proceed. Did you copy? We are low on fuel. We are a hijacked aircraft. This is a distress call. We must make a crash landing."

After receiving permission to land in Israel from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the plane landed at Uvda at 11:36 a.m.

Three hours later the passengers — including women in black chadors — were allowed off the plane and were brought to the base, where they were given army rations and offered first aid.

Rabin, who was attending a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, decided to give the plane permission to land after the pilot said he

was running out of fuel. However, Rabin refused his request to land at Ben-Gurion Airport for fear it could be on a suicide mission.

"I didn't want to be an accomplice to, or take responsibility for a crash of an airliner full of passengers," Rabin said.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak then instructed air force jets to intercept the plane and escort it to Uvda.

Shahak, who monitored developments throughout the morning, said: "One of the flight attendants was sick of being in Iran, prepared a pistol, hijacked the plane, and forced the crew and passengers to

leave the cockpit and go to the back of the plane. We figured we had to land it here."

Some women, sitting in the lounge, appeared bewildered. "We were going to Kish, a place for buying things," said one woman. "Now we are here. I think it's Israel, no?"

Crew members, including the pilots, were questioned by army and police, while passengers were given lunch at the air base.

The jet was chartered by the airline from the Iranian military, and army sources in Uvda confirmed that the captain is an Iranian air force brigadier-general. He was questioned on the circumstances of the hijacking.

Officials in Teheran told news agencies the plane was leased to Kish Air by Saha, a military subsidiary carrier. News agencies quoted Kish officials saying that the crew were military personnel.

Last night UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called Israeli envoy Gad Ya'acobi and requested that Israel let the plane and the passengers go.

The plane was on a domestic flight from Teheran to the Persian Gulf resort island of Kish, near the

## Two soldiers wounded in Hizbullah attacks

DAVID RUDGE

TWO IDF soldiers were wounded yesterday in two Hizbullah attacks in the security zone that sparked heavy exchanges of fire, according to reports from Lebanon.

According to the reports, Hizbullah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb in the Taibeh region just before 1:30 p.m. At 7 a.m., two soldiers were wounded when Hizbullah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb in the same area and, simultaneously, opened fire with mortars and long-range weapons at an IDF outpost in the region.

Reports from Lebanon said the two IDF soldiers were wounded and evacuated by helicopter to Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed.

According to the reports, IDF soldiers searched the area after the first bomb blast in an effort to catch the perpetrators and themselves came under fire from Hizbullah gunmen. It was not clear whether the two soldiers were wounded as a result of the bomb blast or from the Hizbullah shelling.

The incident sparked heavy exchanges in the area with Hizbullah gunmen firing Katyusha rockets, mortars and Sagger missiles from several different locations at IDF and South Lebanese Army targets around Taibeh and nearby Kantara.

IDF and SLA gunners responded with heavy artillery, tank and mortar fire at Hizbullah targets north of the security zone. Reports from Lebanon said IAF helicopter gunships were also in action in the area.

The fighting lasted for nearly three hours. Later, around 1:30 p.m., another roadside bomb exploded in the same area as the first, wounding another soldier. Hizbullah also claimed responsibility for the second incident saying its operatives had waited for IDF troops to search the area and had then detonated the second device. The second attack sparked more shooting in the region which later died down.

A Hizbullah official, speaking on the organization's radio station in Lebanon, said the attacks yesterday were Hizbullah's response to the recent "boasts" by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amirani Levine, that the IDF had taken the initiative in the south Lebanon area.

The attacks marked a further escalation in Hizbullah's operations, despite the recent heavy

losses suffered by the organization and Palestinian rejectionist terrorist groups at the hands of the IDF and SLA.

According to reliable reports, more than 20 Hizbullah terrorists and at least three Palestinians have been killed in the past few weeks in various incidents inside and north of the security zone.

Since then, Hizbullah has been hitting back with long-range firing at IDF and SLA positions and roadside bomb attacks against IDF and SLA targets inside the zone. There has also been increased cooperation between Hizbullah and Palestinian groups opposed to the peace talks between Israel and the PLO.

Two IDF soldiers, one of them reported to be a senior officer, were wounded in a roadside bomb attack near Marjayoun inside the zone on Sunday. The two wounded soldiers are recovering in Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

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## Tulkarm policemen detained for murder, rape, bribe-taking

BILL HUTMAN

INTERNAL police queries about a stalled murder investigation have led to allegations of murder, rape and bribe-taking against police at Tulkarm police station.

Three policemen that work at the station, a lawyer, and a civilian cohort have already been detained, and more arrests are expected in the case.

Yesterday, the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court lifted a publication ban on the case, which is being probed by both a special district investigative team and the Justice Ministry's Police Investigations Division.

The chief suspect, Sgt. Jamil Halil, 40, "reigned by terror in the area," said deputy district commander Natan Karmarsky during a briefing of reporters about the affair.

Halil is suspected of repeatedly raping a 15-year-old girl in his village of Baka al-Gharbiya in July, and involvement in the murder 18 months ago of Kastro Abu Ful, a resident of

Tulkarm, where Halil has served for the past nine years.

Complaints, including a recent High Court petition by the Abu Ful family that investigators at the station were not seriously investigating the murder sparked the internal probe that led to Halil's arrest two weeks ago.

Deputy commander David Peretz, heading the internal police investigation, said Halil is suspected of involvement in the murder, but not of "pulling the trigger" himself.

In addition, Halil has admitted stopping Palestinian drivers in the Tulkarm area for the past two years for alleged traffic violations and taking thousands of shekels in return for not issuing tickets.

Police believe Halil worked together with another Tulkarm station policeman, Mushu'a Jalamah, and officer Jamil Issa, as well as with

Jenin lawyer Sami Ashour. All three have been detained and admitted their involvement, police said.

Karmarsky said the policemen under suspicion were being dismissed immediately. Yesterday, Ashour, Issa, and Jalamah were released on bail pending the start of their trials.

Halil and Tulkarm resident Jalal Kassem, also detained in connection with the rape of the teenage girl, are being held until the start of their trials.

Police appealed to Tulkarm area residents and other Palestinians with complaints against the suspects in custody, or other policemen, to immediately come forward.

Karmarsky admitted that Palestinians were reluctant to make complaints because they had little faith in the Israeli Police. He said he hoped the arrests would demonstrate to area residents they could count on the police.

## Previous unscheduled landings in Israel

ISRAEL has been the host of many unscheduled plane landings in the past, including the following:

- August 16, 1966: An Iraqi pilot defects in a MIG-21.
- August 12, 1968: Two Syrian pilots land MIG-17s here because of navigational error and are detained until they are exchanged for Israeli POWs in 1973.
- May 9, 1972: IDF commandos disguised as airport technicians storm a Sabena airliner hijacked by Palestinian terrorists in Brussels and forced to land at Lod. They rescue all 97 passengers, but one later dies of gunfire wounds. Two male terrorists die in the fight; two women terrorists are captured.
- February 21, 1973: A Libyan passenger plane heads into Israeli-controlled airspace over the Sinai Peninsula and does not respond to calls from civilian ground control or Israeli pilots. Two IAF Phantoms shoot down the aircraft, killing 105 people.
- August 10, 1973: IAF planes force an Iraq Airways airliner to land at an air base with 74 passengers. It is released two hours later. Israel says it thought Palestinian

terrorist leaders were aboard.

- February 4, 1986: IAF jets intercept a Libyan plane over the Mediterranean Sea, about 320 kms off the Israeli coast, and force it to land at an air base. Israel says the plane, with nine passengers and three crew members traveling from Tripoli to Damascus, was suspected of carrying terrorist leaders. It is allowed to continue its journey five hours later.
- December 2, 1988: Five armed Soviet hijackers surrender and free a hostage Aeroflot flight crew, ending a two-day drama that began when they seized a busload of children in southern Russia and demanded a plane to Tel Aviv. The four men and one woman, who wanted to flee the Soviet Union, carry \$3.3m. paid by the Soviet government as ransom for releasing the youngsters. Hijackers are returned to the Soviet Union.
- October 11, 1989: A Syrian air force pilot defects to Israel with his Soviet-made MIG-23 fighter, flying over the Golan Heights and landing at a civilian airfield in northern Israel. (AP)

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# Iranian tourists get trip of lifetime

It definitely was not this tourist group's first choice of a holiday destination.

Clad in black chadors in an air terminal usually frequented by skimpily dressed European tourists, women from an Iranian plane hijacked to Israel chatted in small groups as they awaited word they would be going home.

At another end of the building in Ovdia, a desert air base in southern Israel that serves Eilat, men from the flight knelt for afternoon prayers.

"Strange, strange, strange," an air force officer muttered as he surveyed the crowd.

Hours earlier, their steward had served up a surprise – a gunshot and an announcement they were being hijacked.

"We were heading to Kish Island for a holiday. Then we came here. I never thought we would be in Israel sometime. I am very surprised to be here," said passenger Mehdy Garayali, a 45-year-old English teacher.

"Believe it or not, until we landed over here we had no idea where we had landed. The crew members didn't tell us where we were and I recognized some Israeli words on a sign and told some friends we were in Israel," he said.

Most of the 177 passengers from the white Boeing 707 appeared at ease and relieved their ordeal was nearly over as they munched chocolate handed out by IDF soldiers.



An IDF soldier offers passengers from the hijacked Iranian airliner refreshments at Ovda Air Force Base yesterday. (IDF Spokesman)

But a medical officer said some of the Iranians had suffered anxiety attacks.

But the focus was on hospitality, not hostility, at the heavily-guarded air base.

"They treated us to lunch and drinks – and I thank them for this nice hospitality. We are looking forward to going back (home)," Garayali said.

A young woman who gave her

name as Mahshi said it was her first trip abroad.

"We wanted to go to Kish for travel and shopping," she said, expressing the hope the passengers would go home soon.

"I like my country," she said. At least one woman did not want to leave empty-handed. She asked a member of a flight crew for an air force hat as a souvenir for her child. (Reuters)

## Report: Liba'i checking if PA trials took place

JACOB DALLAL

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i is trying to get copies of the legal documents used in the recent Palestinian Authority trials of the suspected terrorists whose extraditions were requested by Israel to prove whether such trials did indeed take place, the Peace Watch organization said yesterday.

"Legal sources told us they are not sure if there was even a trial or whether these people are in jail," said Shosh Givon, a spokeswoman for the organization.

Justice Minister Liba'i confirmed that Liba'i had asked the PA to show him the court rulings.

In a report released yesterday,

a year after the first extradition request was made by Israel, Peace Watch said the PA received 10 official requests for the extradition of 16 suspected terrorists, but did not comply with any of them.

Peace Watch noted that according to Annex III of the Gaza/Jericho agreement, the PA must transfer any suspects for whom Israel submits an official request.

Liba'i said the PA has refused to release wage agreement

## Policemen get jail terms for mistreatment of prisoners

FIVE members of the Jerusalem police minorities division were sentenced to jail terms by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday for mistreating Arabs from eastern Jerusalem during questioning.

The five were also charged with fabricating evidence and violating the public trust in the case, in which 10 members of the division were originally indicted in 1991 for violent interrogations between 1989-90.

The five were accused of beating and mistreating an unspecified number of prisoners and extracting confessions by force. Most testimony came from members of the Al-Jol family of eastern Jerusalem in 1991, who claimed they were tortured by the police.

Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said the charges were based solely on testimony from the Al-Jols, whom he said had plenty of opportunities to work on their story with PFLP members. Their questionable testimony had resulted in the five other policemen being cleared of all charges, he noted. (Itim)

vice and four suspended. Rafi Levy was given three months' imprisonment, three months of community service, and six months suspended. Policeman Ilan Chen got three months' imprisonment, to be replaced by community service, and five suspended, while Yossi Ben-Yair was sentenced to public service without being formally convicted. The lawyers for three of the policemen said they would appeal the sentences.

Judge Ya'acov Tzemah wrote in his ruling that the charges reflected a widespread phenomenon in the police, and the sentences corresponded to the serious damage the policemen had caused the force and the "degree to which they undermined public confidence in the police."

However, he also noted that the charges were based solely on testimony from the Al-Jols, whom he said had plenty of opportunities to work on their story with PFLP members. Their questionable testimony had resulted in the five other policemen being cleared of all charges, he noted. (Itim)

### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Asher Ben-Ari will speak on "National Council for the Welfare of the Child."

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## Holocaust survivor wins battle for reparations

MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK

AFTER four decades, a Holocaust survivor has won his bitter battle for reparations from Germany.

Hugo Prinz, 72, and 10 other US survivors will share a \$2.1 million settlement, said two congressmen. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Charles Schumer (D-NY).

That settlement, officially between the US and Germany, will be divided according to a formula that takes into account their time in concentration camps or as slave laborers, and their suffering.

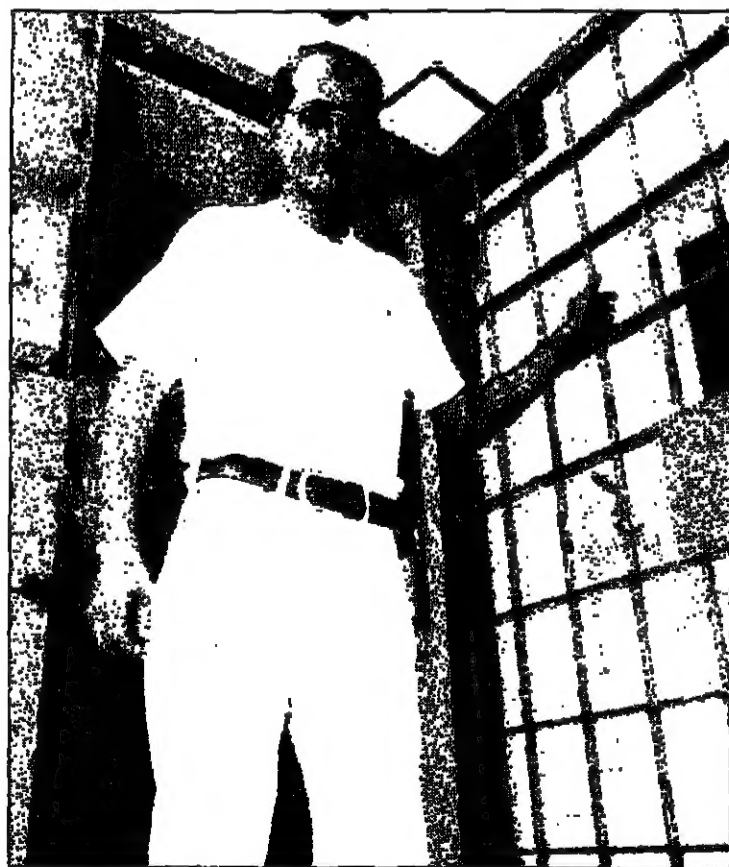
Although the settlement does not create a new category of survivors entitled to reparations, the congressmen said yesterday that others may qualify for compensation. The criteria for reparations will be published at a later date.

Representatives of the State Department and the German government yesterday signed the agreement, which also stipulates that a separate action against the German companies that profited from the use of slave labor in the camps will not be pursued.

That referred to Prinz's suit against the successors of the Nazi-era companies, including Bayer A.G., Messerschmidt-Boelkow-Blohm, BASF A.G., and Hoechst A.G.

Prinz, of Highland Park, New Jersey, had tried to sue the German government for reparations, but his efforts were blocked when Germany argued that US law had protected it from being sued in American courts. Congress had been considering legislation that would have allowed Prinz to proceed with his suit.

The son of a naturalized American father, Prinz was living with his family in Slovakia in 1942 when the Germans sent them to the camps. His family died at Treblinka.



David Ben-Shimon, jailed in 1984 for killing an Arab in a rocket attack on an Arab bus near Bethlehem, is freed from prison yesterday. His life sentence was reduced to 11 years after being commuted twice by former president Chaim Herzog and having time deducted for good behavior. (Israel Sun)

## Hebron Jews to fight redeployment

HERB KEINON

KIRYAT Arba and Hebron settlers are planning a meeting Saturday night, with the participation of Likud MK Ariel Sharon, to decide on ways to combat IDF redeployment in Hebron.

"The main problem is that the government does not understand the importance of Hebron to the Jewish people," said Kiryat Arba activist Yehoshua Shani. "They don't understand the importance Hebron has for a great many people. It will be impossible for them to carry out their plans."

According to Shani, the Jews in the area consider bringing Palestinian Police into Hebron as the beginning of the expulsion of the Jews from the city.

He said the settlers are preparing ways to combat the government's plans regarding Hebron. He said this includes a public re-

lations offensive, as well as "other campaigns." He would not elaborate.

Ron Shechner, the head of the Hebron Hills Regional Council, warned on Israel Radio that any contact between settlers and Palestinian police – "even eye contact" – would lead to "explosions" everywhere.

According to Shechner, Palestinian Police in the city would be tantamount to "waving a red flag in front of a bull."

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni accused the settlers of blackmail and said they should never have been allowed to move there in the first place. "Hebron is an Arab city... the entry (of the settlers) into Hebron was a sin... if they are bent on bloodshed, heaven help us," she told Israel TV.

### NEWSLINE

with DAVID MENASHRI

Menashri is a professor at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies.

What legal obligations does Israel have in terms of international law towards Iran, especially in view of the relations between the two countries?

From the moral point of view, Israel behaved in a most decent fashion. Iran is a hostile country which declares daily its intention of destroying Israel and encourages terrorist activities. It was initially not clear what the plane's intentions were, and Muslim countries had refused to allow it to land. The reception in Israel was not unpleasant or threatening. In short, Israel behaved in a humanitarian fashion as one would expect.

Was the prime minister's decision to let the plane land congruent with his declared attitude towards Iran as the major source of Islamic fundamentalism which is threatening the Middle East and the world?

It is interesting to note that the prime minister decided to distinguish between the attitude of the Iranian regime towards Israel and that of the Iranian and Muslim people on this subject.

I hope that when the Iranian people see the pictures, they will notice that the so-called Zionist enemy is not so bad after all.

Can Israel expect retaliation or complications?

Whoever deals with Iran can expect complications. However it is natural that there would be hijackings in a regime which is facing such severe crises. The passengers who were for the most part on a trip to a resort area appear to be part of the socio-economic class that is hard hit by the country's current woes.

Is it relevant to try to use the situation to get information on Ron Arad and other MIAs?

Any event connected with Iran and Hizbullah is relevant. The question is whether it is effective, whether the situation can be utilized to get information.

Unfortunately, I'm skeptical about that, especially in view of the fact that Israel subscribes to different ethical standards from those practiced by the Iranians. I understand the Arad family's feelings but I'm not sure it's possible to exploit the situation to achieve a breakthrough. Basheva Tsar

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Tourist suspected in Tel Aviv murder

A tourist from the CIS was arrested yesterday on suspicion of stabbing two men – one of them fatally – during a quarrel in their Tel Aviv apartment, near the old central bus station.

The suspect told police he stabbed the two men because he suspected they stole the severance pay he earned from a job he had here. One of the men suffered severe injuries and died shortly after arriving at Ichilov Hospital. The other injured man is in serious condition. (Itim)

#### Knesset meeting in special session today

The Knesset is due to meet in special session today, at the request of the Labor and Meretz factions, to discuss the recent murder of a Palestinian man in Halhoul. The Likud also sought the special session, in order to discuss the Arafat-Peres talks and the possibility of a Palestinian prisoner release. Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Actors to hold meeting on Habimah

The Habimah has called the country's theater actors to an emergency meeting Friday to rally them in support of the Habimah National Theater against "the growing trend to disband the theater company." The actors' representatives said the acting community's silence and forbearance "has caused us to be disregarded in any deliberations by the various [public] committees." Helen Kaye

#### Suspected collaborator killed in Kalkilya

A Palestinian man suspected of collaborating with Israel was shot to death by a masked assailant yesterday, Arab reporters and the IDF said. Juma Swaiki, 45, was shot in the head several times in Kalkilya and died instantly, the Palestinian sources said. Swaiki, who was widely considered a collaborator, had received death threats. His brother was killed in 1988, also after being suspected as a collaborator. AP

#### Ravitz calls Aloni an antisemite

"There has never been a bigger antisemite than that aging girl," Degel Hatorah MK Avraham Ravitz said yesterday about Communications Minister Shimon Peres. "This wicked girl hates people, hates Jews," Ravitz told Israel Radio, in response to accusations by Aloni that religious elements had influenced the prime minister to change the theme of the new school year from "The Year of Science" to "The Year of Industry and Education." (Itim)

#### Arson destroys murder suspects' homes

Four houses belonging to the Shubak family of Halhoul, whose sons are suspected of slaying Salman Azamareh of Halhoul two weeks ago, were torched last night. Witnesses said the houses were destroyed, but the residents escaped unhurt. It is believed members of the Azamareh family set the blaze. Ismail Shubak, the cousin of suspect Sammy Shubak, said his cousin worked for Israeli intelligence and was a traitor. He vowed Shubak's family would try to kill Shubak even if he is imprisoned. (Itim)

## THE ELECTRIC CORPORATION

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## TA man accused of bilking US banks out of \$20m.

BILL HUTMAN

AT the request of the FBI, the Police Serious Crimes Division has opened an investigation into a businessman holding dual American-Israeli citizenship who allegedly cheated US banks out of over \$20 million.

The suspect, Ze'ev Bashan, was detained Monday by police and his Tel Aviv area home searched. He was released on bail after questioning and forbidden to leave the country.

A police spokesman said yesterday that Bashan is suspected of illegally obtaining loans from US banks while working as a developer in San Francisco, California between 1989 and 1992.

In 1993, charges were filed against Bashan in California, and he fled to Israel. The US government recently formally asked the Justice Ministry to either extradite Bashan or put him on trial here.

During his remand hearing Monday, Attorney Dov Weissglass, representing Bashan, said the suspect could not be extradited because he was an Israeli citizen, and must be tried here.

Weissglass said the allegations his client cheated banks out of \$20m. are exaggerated.

The serious crimes division is working closely together with the FBI on the case, the police spokesman said.

## Barak planning for increased population

HIGH-rise residential and industrial building, an ultramodern transportation system, and the moving of Ben-Gurion Airport to a less densely populated region to allow for construction at its current location are among the projects Interior Minister Ehud Barak hopes his ministry will tackle in the next several years.

Barak outlined his plans at a press conference yesterday for a future Israel he envisions having a population of 12 million, including most of today's Diaspora Jews. There would be far less land resources, less green space and the area north of the Negev may become the world's most densely populated region, Barak said.

The interior minister said advanced planning is required to meet the challenge, and to facilitate this ministry officials introduced a plan for simplifying the construction process. Barak welcomed the recent amendment to the building statute which will allow government ministries, local council or an individual who owns or want to own land to initiate a master building plan. Before, it could only be initiated by the local planning council.

Other organizational changes are also in the works, including improving the performance of district planning committees, and a cadets course on planning administration which will start next year in coordination with the Technion. (Him)

## Scientists pursuing Alzheimer's cure through mice

JUDY SIEGEL

HEBREW University scientists have developed a new strain of mice that suffer from deterioration in learning ability and memory, similar to the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease victims.

The rodents are expected to assist in the examination of the effectiveness of medications to be developed and even for finding ways of preventing the disease.

The advance, announced by Prof. Hermona Soreq of the Silberman Institute for Life Sciences on the Givat Ram campus, was published in the latest issue of *Current Biology* and reviewed in the *New Scientist*.



Belgian Crown Prince Philip meets the children of new immigrants yesterday at the Jewish Agency absorption center in Mevasseret Zion. (Brian Hendler)

## Settler accused of killing Arab makes bail

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEIT El resident Ze'ev Liebskind, charged with manslaughter and obstructing justice in the death of Dura al-Kara resident Khair Kassam at Har Aris last month, was released from jail yesterday pending trial.

Jerusalem District Court Judge Michaela Shidlowitz-Or conditioned the release on Liebskind not entering Judea, Samaria, or eastern Jerusalem, and on not carrying a weapon. As a result, Liebskind will live in his mother's home on a moshav near Ashdod. The state attorney had request-

ed that Liebskind be held in custody until the end of legal proceedings. A trial date has not yet been set.

Liebskind allegedly shot at a group of Palestinians who were fleeing after rampaging through a tent encampment at Har Aris, where settlers from nearby Beit El were trying to establish a presence. The Palestinians had destroyed a structure being built there by the settlers, as well as religious texts.

Liebskind was arrested after photographs showed him aiming his assault rifle at the Palestinians.

The prosecution originally wanted to indict Liebskind on murder charges, but reduced the charge to manslaughter. Liebskind maintains his innocence.

According to the indictment, Liebskind also tried to alter his rifle to prevent police from making a ballistic match.

After the hearing, Liebskind told reporters he believes he will be acquitted.

## Health Ministry told to determine if Tnuva milk additive is dangerous

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday called on the Health Ministry to establish a committee of experts to determine, once and for all, whether the dimethyl siloxane Tnuva added to its long-life, low-fat milk posed any health danger.

Dr. Boaz Lev, associate director-general at the ministry, said Tnuva's "sin"

was adding a foreign substance to the milk, and not because it is known to cause any disease.

The committee, headed by MK Yossi Katz, also called on the authorities to take action against violators after the truth is established. Katz suggested that Tnuva director-general Yitzhak Landesman take leave until the Danon commit-

tee named by Tnuva to investigate the matter reaches its conclusions.

Tnuva board of directors chairman Shalom Simhon apologized over the "misunderstanding" that caused him to prevent Yitzhak Landesman from appearing before the committee last week.

The company's legal advisers, who accompanied the officials, instructed them not to provide details about the addition of the chemical to the milk because the matter was *sub judice*. The manager of the Rehovot dairy where the chemical was added, Zvi Vershaviak, also declined to comment for this reason.

Yossi Sa-Nes, director of the Hista-

dru's Consumer Protection Authority, said Tnuva's behavior was "unspeakable" and that the Health Ministry was "insensitive" to public feelings. Public health expert Dr. Jerry Westin claimed "lack of evidence about a substance being a carcinogen doesn't mean it actually isn't a carcinogen." He said the ministry was "protecting Tnuva."

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## Pope pleads for Rwanda

NAIROBI (Reuters) - Pope John Paul II called yesterday for an end to the "terrible tragedy" in Rwanda and Burundi, saying forgiveness and reconciliation were the only way to prevent ethnic conflict there and elsewhere in Africa.

"Dear refugees, know that more than ever I am close to you and share your immense pain," the Pope, speaking in French, told refugees from Rwanda and Burundi in a crowd of some 250,000 worshippers at a huge open-air mass in central Nairobi.

"What is happening in your countries is a terrible tragedy that must end," he said at the end of the service, the biggest of his week-long tour of Africa.

During the mass, celebrated from an altar built beneath a big thatched roof in Nairobi's Uhuru Park, the Pope said forgiveness and reconciliation were "the only way to dispel the threats which hover over the Africa of ethnic conflict."

It was the first time during his trip that the Roman Catholic Church leader had referred at any length to last year's genocide in Rwanda, where up to one million Tutsis and allied Hutus were put to death in a frenzy of ethnic slaughter.

Killings continue on a daily basis in Rwanda and Burundi, obstructing the return of two million refugees.

The Pope, 75, visited Kenya, South Africa and Cameroon to present the results of a synod of African bishops held at the Vatican last year on the future of Roman Catholicism on the continent, the world's poorest.

In a speech to a post-synod meeting in Nairobi of East African bishops and leaders of other religions, the Pope said the Church in Africa had to set a social and moral example.

"If Africa is fragmented and divided, the Church as the Family of God must be a model of unity for society," he told the audience at Resurrection Garden, a Catholic sanctuary on the outskirts of the Kenyan capital.

"If Africa is hurt by poverty, corruption, injustice, and tribalism, it is a failure of the Church's mission to support community."

He urged Africans to shun what was "least good" about consumer societies - an apparent reference to abortion, contraception, liberal sexual practices and unbridled capitalism.



UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali rings the peace bell outside UN headquarters in New York yesterday to mark the start of the 50th General Assembly session. The world body marks its 50th anniversary this year. (Reuters)

## Croatia halts offensive in Bosnia

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Croatia pulled out of fighting in northwest Bosnia under intense diplomatic pressure yesterday and UN peacekeepers said Bosnian Serb forces had dug in to defend their stronghold of Banja Luka.

Peacekeepers reported the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) was putting up stronger resistance to an offensive by allied Bosnian government and Croat forces which has pushed to within 50 km of Banja Luka.

Western governments and the United Nations feared the fighting could wreck peace efforts led by US envoy Richard Holbrooke who was meeting the presidents of Croatia and Bosnia in Zagreb.

The confrontation in the northwest appeared not to have affected the withdrawal of Bosnian Serb siege guns from Sarajevo where NATO said it was satisfied with progress ahead of a 10 p.m. deadline today.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman ordered his forces to stop all military action in northwest Bosnia after a blunt warning by

US Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbot who said on television: "The light here is red. It's a red stop light. Stop the fighting. Go back to the negotiating table."

He was echoed by British Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, who told Bosnian leaders that an attack on Banja Luka could cause a "massive catastrophe" and provoke intervention by Serbian-led rump Yugoslavia.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, weary of Bosnian Serb refusal to work with international mediators, has cooperated with Holbrooke's shuttle diplomacy in favour of a settlement of the 41-month war.

But the Muslim-Croat offensive this month has created an extra 100,000 Bosnian Serb refugees and any attempt to capture Banja Luka could foment irresistible political pressure on Milosevic to switch tack.

The Bosnian Serb share of the country has fallen in just a few days from around 70 percent to 51.5 percent - close to the division foreseen by a Big Power peace plan the

Serbs reject. While the Croatian government appeared to bow to the pressure, the Bosnian government's position was more ambiguous.

Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey told Rifkind that Muslims accepted Banja Luka was a Serb fief.

But in public he said he wanted "peaceful transition to the authority and sovereignty of Bosnia-Herzegovina," implying a claim to possession of it by the Sarajevo government.

The offensive could however already be running out of impetus. Withdrawal of the Croatian Army's tanks and artillery would sharply reduce the military effectiveness of Bosnian government forces and their Bosnian Croat allies.

UN peacekeepers said the BSA had dug in west and south of Banja Luka and "they're actually putting up much stiffer resistance."

Two Danish UN soldiers were killed and seven others were wounded, one of them seriously, when a shell slammed into the bunker at the town of Dvor.

## group seeks black-Jewish alliance

MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK

deep and special bond between Jews and African-Americans," said Myrtle Evers Williams, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). "Ours is a relationship that has been tested in the struggle for higher ground."

In a speech Monday night to the World Jewish Congress in New York, Evers Williams noted that a Jew, Henry

Moskowitz, was one of the founders of the civil rights organization, whose history goes back to the beginning of this century.

Once a proud union in the American struggle for civil rights, black-Jewish relations have been strained in the last decade. Jews fear anti-Semitism among blacks, who in turn "increasingly complain of growing racism among Jews," she said.

"We worry that the Jewish community has abandoned the historic alliance for social justice and, in some instances, joined the opposition to our continuing struggle for economic opportunity," Evers Williams said.

"In times like these we cannot - we must not - duck or avoid the fundamental question: Can Jews and African-Americans be friends and allies once again? The answer must be a resounding yes, because what happens between us will have deep consequences for what happens to all of us."

## 'Washington Post,' 'NY Times' join to publish Unabomber manifesto

WASHINGTON (AP) - In an extraordinary decision made jointly with the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post* yesterday published the entire 35,000-word manifesto of the terrorist known as the Unabomber. The newspapers were according to a request from the US government.

The Justice Department hinted it hoped publication would help lead to the capture of the Unabomber after 17 years.

"Recent publications of excerpts by newspapers and other publications, as well as the review by selected academicians, have resulted in numerous investigatory leads which continue to be followed," Justice Department spokeswoman Lee Douglas said when first editions were circulating in Washington.

*Times* publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. and *Post* publisher Donald E. Graham said in a joint statement that they made the decision to print the huge manifesto "for public safety reasons" after three months of deliberations and consultations with top government law enforcement officials.

The Unabomber, whose 16 bombs have killed three and injured 23 others since 1978, sent his manifesto to the two newspapers in June, with the demand that the full text be published within three months in order to end his killing campaign. The *Times* and the *Post* published excerpts of the manifesto on August 2.

Facing the three-month deadline Sunday, the *Post* printed the bomber's unaltered treatise as a special pull-out section in yesterday's edition.

The *Post* has the technical ability to distribute a special section in all copies of its daily. The *Times*, which will share printing costs, does not have the same capacity, the publishers' statement said.

Graham said publication of the

section would cost \$30,000 to \$40,000. He insisted the publication would not set a precedent. "I think this is a singular case," the *Post* quoted him as saying.

One media expert said he was stunned by the publication. "It's unprecedented that papers would allow someone else to dictate their coverage," said William Serrin, chairman of New York University's journalism department and a former *Times* reporter.

"That's just one of the most inviolable rules of American journalism, that when you have a paper the responsibilities are grave and great and no one - not the government, law enforcement, local prosecutors - no one should dictate what you cover," Serrin said.

Michael Rustigan, a criminologist at San Francisco State University and an expert in serial killers who has studied the Unabomber for almost two decades, said that bowing to the terrorist's demand could set a dangerous precedent and risk generating copycats.

"I think we all feel a bit queasy rewarding a cold-blooded killer with a 17-year track record," Rustigan said. "It basically confirms that violence is the way you get published, get famous."

Even so, Rustigan added that publishing the full text may be the only hope investigators have for breaking the case.

"This is going to lead to more tips, more calls. It is going to heighten possibility that someone's going to recognize, the twist of a phrase, certain sentences, little bits," Rustigan said.

Newspaper officials were clearly uncomfortable with their decision. "Neither paper would have printed this document for journalistic reasons," Graham said in an interview with the *Post*.

"We thought there was an obvious public safety issue involved and therefore sought the advice of responsible federal officials. We are printing it for public safety reasons, not journalistic reasons."

## Shevardnadze attacks corruption in Georgia

TBILISI (Reuters) - Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze yesterday announced a crackdown against state corruption after a sacked deputy minister and a paramilitary leader were accused of trying to assassinate him.

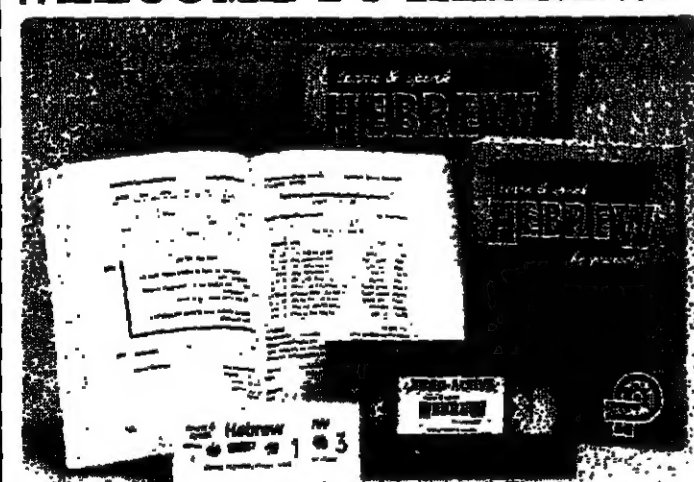
Shevardnadze, who was slightly hurt in a bomb attack on his motorcade last month, said criminals had been discovered in Georgia's security organizations.

"Steps will be taken soon to step up the fight against corruption, first of all in state structures, which are seriously infected with this horrible disease," the 67-year-old former Soviet foreign minister said in parliament.

"The security organs turned out to be polluted not only with dubious elements but also criminals," he told reporters later.

The Interior Ministry on Monday accused former deputy security minister Temur Khachashvili and Gia Gelashvili, a leader of the Mkhedromi paramilitary group, of masterminding last month's bomb attack against Shevardnadze.

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## Tension worsens for Sudan, Egypt

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**T**HREATENING to escalate an already simmering dispute, Sudan said this week it might retaliate after Egypt downgraded its diplomatic links with Sudan's Islamist government.

"Sudan will not be much affected by lowering the Egyptian diplomatic mission and Sudan has the option and right to react," said Ahmed Ibrahim al-Tahir, a legal adviser to military leader Lt. Gen. Omar el-Bashir.

He did not specify what action Sudan would take, but said the government regrets Egypt's "hostile campaign."

Egypt announced it would not appoint a new ambassador to Sudan, leaving the post vacant. Egyptian officials described it as the first official response to alleged Sudanese involvement in a June 26 attempt on President Hosni Mubarak's life in Ethiopia.

Sudan has denied any involvement, but the allegations have worsened their relations, which have been strained since el-Bashir brought an Islamist government to power following a 1989 military coup.

Egypt accuses Sudan of training and financing Muslim extremists who have carried out hit-and-run attacks in Egypt since 1992. Meanwhile, Sudan said it will prosecute university students who participated in last week's violent antigovernment demonstrations.

Three people were killed in the riots, and at least 30 injured, according to government state-

ments and news reports.

Police Commissioner Maj. Gen. Abdel-Moneim Sayed Suliman said students detained during the disturbances have been released until a trial date is set.

"Even those proved to have actually taken part in the riots have undergone interrogation and have been released," he told *Al-Khbar al-Yom* newspaper.

He did not say how many students had been arrested or what the charges would be.

Suliman said police had also arrested Ethiopians and Eritreans who had participated in the demonstrations.

Thousands of students and civilians took to the streets for four days last week, chanting antigovernment slogans, burning cars and stoning banks. Police dispersed the crowds using tear gas and some live ammunition.

The government has accused communists and leftists of being behind the unrest, as well as other opposition groups which met this summer in Eritrea and pledged to overthrow the Islamic regime.

The government also accused "foreign elements" of participating, but gave no details.

Suliman said the security situation in Khartoum and other cities was back to normal.

Meanwhile, Sudan's banned opposition Umma Party charged that its representative in Kenya had been abducted by security officials from the Sudanese embassy in Nairobi.

**N**EGOTIATIONS in Amman last week on the problem of the displaced persons from the West Bank ended with no progress on who should be defined as "displaced."

But all parties did agree there is a difference between a "displaced person" and a "refugee."

"Refugees" are those who left what is now Israel in 1948 or earlier. Those who left the territories because of the Six Day War are "displaced."

Most of the displaced persons are from the West Bank. But the delegates from Israel, the PLO, Jordan and Egypt disagreed on who should be included and who should not.

Israel's delegates insisted that only those directly affected by the 1967 war be counted; the Arab delegates wanted to include people who left the West Bank before and after the war.

The estimated gap in the figures starts at 200,000 and runs to more than a million.

On the face of it, the problem seems to be just one more of those disputes that put Israel on one side and Arab states on the other - the Arab states want to

push as many Palestinians as possible into the territories; Israel, for obvious reasons, is resisting that.

But this is far from being the complete picture. Not all the Arabs want to flood the West Bank with newcomers - neither the West Bankers themselves nor, surprisingly, the Jordanians.

Pragmatic Arabs realize a dramatic change in the West Bank demography would change its political and social structure drastically, and undermine the relative stability of the area.

The returnee issue may decide the future of the West Bank, and every Palestinian in that area may be affected personally by the way the Oslo agreement on dislocation is resolved.

It is noteworthy that West Bank representatives were all but absent from the PLO delegation. The head of the group was Zuhdi Said, one of Abu Jihad's people in Amman; the other delegates were all "old PLO," with the exception of Dr. Salim Tamari from Bir Zeit University.

Why did Zuhdi not ask for the participation of more conspicuous West Bankers? Why was the

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head of this delegation not a West Bank personality?

The answer lies not in any Israeli influence, but in the yawning differences between PLO and West Bank perspectives.

Two years ago, there was a conference in Tunis on the Palestinian refugee problem. Hanan Ashrawi of Ramallah, the spokeswoman of the old Palestinian delegation, was there.

Her position on the practicalities of the "right of return" was quite clear - returnees must be accepted only at a rate which the West Bank can absorb them and prevent chaos and deterioration in the territories.

Ashrawi's was not a lone voice. Many West Bank figures supported the idea that returnees should enter in orderly stages with first preference given to wealthier Palestinians who could make investments, help raise economic standards, and pave the way for the poorer Palestinians to follow.

The PLO does not concur. It is not very concerned about the stability of the existing social and political infrastructures in the West Bank.

The PLO says Palestinians should follow the example of Israel's early years, when all Jewish newcomers were absorbed regardless of criteria, quality or quantity, putting the national interest above all.

In this dispute between West Bank leaders and the PLO, Jordan, as usual, supports the West Bankers' position. The cliché that Jordan wants to "get rid" of as many Palestinians as possible is groundless - after all, Jordan alone absorbed some 200,000 Palestinians expelled from Kuwait and the Gulf.

Jordan is much more interested in the matter of West Bank stability. A turbulent West Bank spells trouble for Jordan, as happened during the intifada. Amman's policy now has a much sharper focus - to establish a clear distinction between the inhabitants of the West Bank and those of the East Bank.

Elections on each bank will decide nationality. Palestinians who

vote in the territories will identify themselves with the Palestinian Authority, and their Jordanian citizenship will be reconsidered.

Those who have already voted for Jordan's parliament will finally be defined as Jordanians. The PLO will lose all claim to represent them, although that doesn't mean Jordan will stop supporting Palestinian issues.

A correct reading of the whole issue, however, indicates that much of that support will be mere lip-service. Jordan's main interest is to send to the West Bank only those who have close links to the area - those true Palestinians who still feel they are strangers in Jordan.

The Oslo agreement also contradicts the PLO stand of packing the West Bank with returnees. The agreement clearly stipulates that the actual capability of the West Bank to absorb newcomers be the guiding principle.

Nevertheless, this is a sensitive issue and it will continue to be a bone of contention. While the snarling between the PLO and Israel will be in the open, that between the PLO and the West Bank will be behind the scenes.

## GCC declares Iraq should obey UN

**F**OREIGN ministers of six Gulf Arab states this week discussed developments in Iraq following the recent defection of a top aide to Saddam Hussein and two of the Iraqi leader's daughters.

In an inaugural address, Bahrain's Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, whose country currently holds the rotating presidency of the Gulf Cooperation Council, called on Saddam to quickly implement United Nations resolutions to end the isolation and suffering of his people.

The Saudi-led GCC also urged Iran to adopt a "good neighbor" policy in its dispute with the United Arab Emirates over three Gulf islands.

Iran and the UAE have been locked in a dispute over the Gulf islands of Abu Musa, and the Greater and Lesser Tunbs. Iran has claimed the islands since 1971.

The GCC also includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE. GCC states were key backers of Kuwait when it was invaded by Iraq in 1990.

Because of their limited military means, they opened their countries to a US-led coalition that routed the Iraqis from Kuwait in the 1991 Gulf War.

The defection of key Iraqi figures to Jordan last month has raised the possibility of political turmoil in Iraq, which could ultimately bring down the regime.

Hussein Kamel, the brain behind Iraq's weapons programs, has called for the downfall of his father-in-law, Saddam Hussein. Sheikh Mohammed, the Bahraini foreign minister, said Iraq should free all Kuwaiti and other prisoners captured during its occupation of the emirate.

Baghdad has denied Kuwaiti claims that it still holds hundreds of prisoners.

He said Baghdad should cooperate with the UN and implement all resolutions in order to "ease the suffering of the Iraqi people and protect Iraq's sovereignty."

(AP)

## Russians deny deal to sell Iraq 4,000 tanks



**W**ESTERN diplomats believe that, about two months ago, Russia agreed to sell Iraq 4,000 tanks, after the UN boycott ends. (*Al-Khbar* on September 6 reported a deal for 400). Russia denies the existence of such a deal.

*Al-Khbar's* diplomatic sources say the Russian denial comes from the spokesman of the company that manufactures the tanks. One source described the denial as "vague and unconvincing" and said it merely strengthens belief that the deal is already signed.

The sources added that the Iraqi defector, Gen. Hussein Kamel Hassan, signed the agreement, estimated to be worth \$2 billion to \$3b., when he visited Moscow two months ago.

They say Iraq probably wanted the deal to encourage Moscow to lobby for a lifting of the economic boycott against Baghdad.

The sources said the significance of the denial being issued by the tank manufacturer rather than by the Russian Foreign Ministry was that it left the deal "unofficial," hence not a breach of sanctions.

The Russian company spokesman said the size of the deal "seems very large." This indicated to the diplomatic sources that a deal exists but that its size is in question.

The sources said the information emanated from Hussein Kamel, who passed it to UN weapons inspector Rolf Ekeus when they met in Amman three weeks ago.

Hussein Kamel told a French news agency on September 7 that Russia's denial of the purchase contract for the 4,000 tanks is false.

He said it would have been better if Valery Pogorbenkov, the spokesman for the company concerned, had said nothing. "If this denial is correct, what is the person in charge of Iraqi Army equipment now doing in Moscow, accompanied by six officers?" Hussein Kamel asked.

He added: "Connections between Russia and Iraq in all fields, including armaments, have never been disconnected."

### BELGIUM NEXT

Will Belgium now become Europe's second sufferer - after France - from the terrorist epidemic?

Belgium has cause for concern with 13 members of an Islamic group, including an Algerian extremist leader named Ahmed Elzawi, on trial in Brussels. Elzawi is charged with leading the fundamentalist Armed Islam-

ic Group (GIA) in Europe and establishing a network for buying and smuggling arms. The GIA has threatened Belgium in the past to demand Elzawi's release.

France has passed new intelligence information to Brussels that suggests attacks may soon be carried out in Belgium. French intelligence said a 15-member communist group recently left "an African state" to plan bombing attacks in Europe that would coincide with the Elzawi trial verdict.

The information also included a list of 165 suspicious Islamists who live in Belgium, and France asked that they be put under surveillance since terrorist networks in France operate across the virtually nonexistent border.

Yet it seems that there are limits to intelligence cooperation in the European Union, with operations still dictated by each country's interests and fears.

A typical example was France's refusal to put Elzawi and his terrorist ring on trial before a regular court on charges of weapons possession, failing to consider the international terrorism aspect. Belgium then sought ways to get out of the crisis forced by Elzawi's arrest and even held negotiations with Sudan in the hope of expelling Elzawi to Khartoum.

It seems the proverb "don't stick your head in a sick bed" is also current in Sweden. The Swedes refused to extradite Abed Elkarim Denesh to France and wants to send him to Sudan, or to another African country if Sudan won't publicly accept Islamic fundamentalists.

(*El-Watan Al-Arabi*, Paris)

### ROLE MODELERS

While Ali Khamenei, the supreme spiritual authority in Iran, is celebrating his seventh anniversary in office, debate continues on what exactly his role is.

Khamenei's opponents suggest the position of "supreme spiritual authority" should be abolished and merged with the position of president of the republic.

Not surprisingly, it is an idea supported by President Hashemi Rafsanjani.

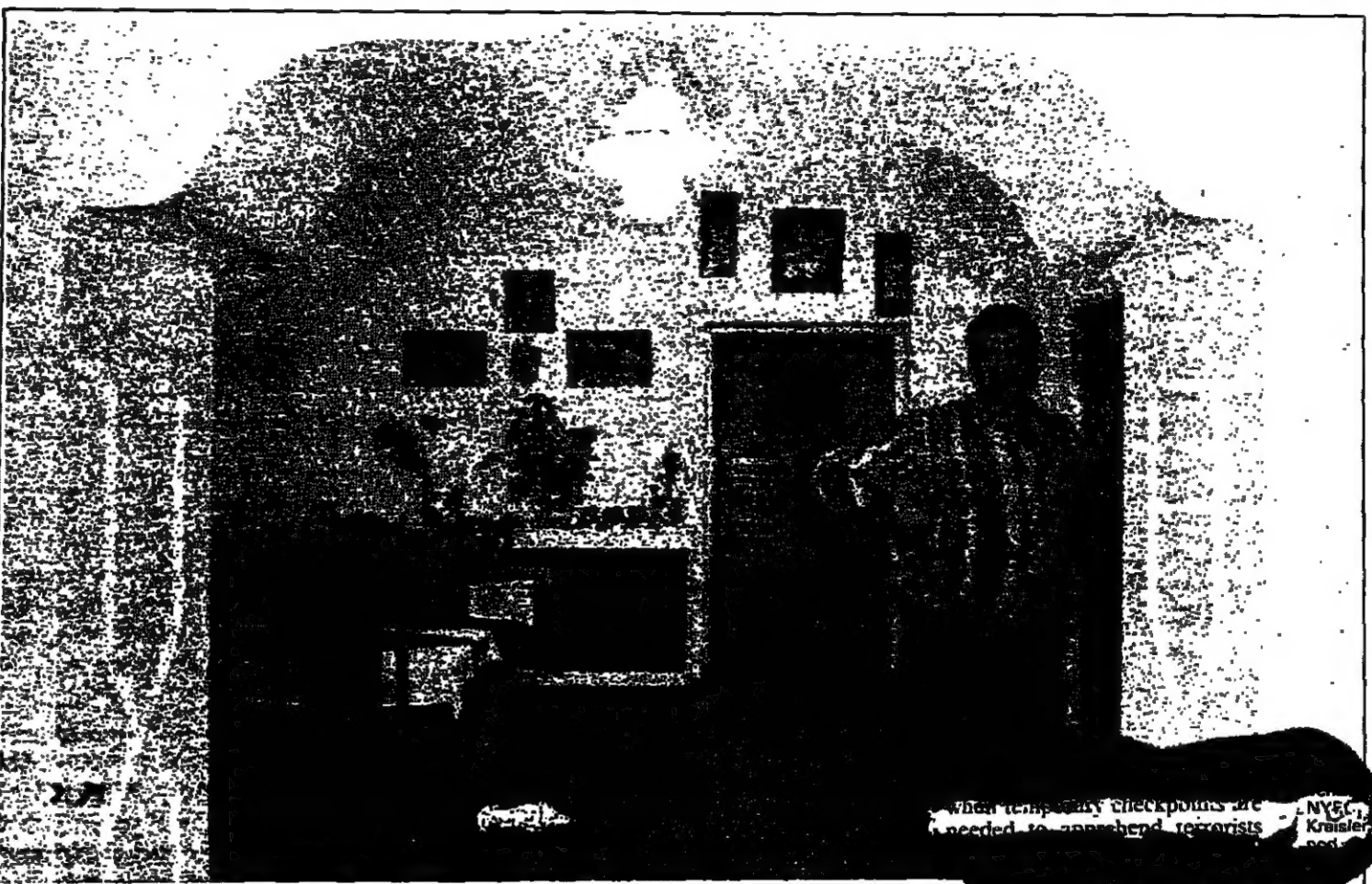
Professor Abdolkarim Soroush from Teheran University who once chaired the Cultural Revolution Council set up by the late Ayatollah Khomeini, claims there is no room for the position of supreme spiritual authority in the present regime. The position was appropriate for Khomeini but should have been discontinued after his death, the professor says.

These opinions have been strongly opposed by the courts president, Mohammed Yazde,

and parliament spokesman Ali Akbar Natek Nuri. These two junior clerics say doubts expressed about Khamenei's role are an implicit attack on the whole regime.

Natek Nuri said in a press interview that the current debate is not academic but an attempt to destroy the religious character of the Iranian government and to separate state from religion.

(*Ashgar al-Awsar*, London)



Khaled Hindi, owner of the first kosher restaurant in Jordan, stands alone next to empty tables during lunch hour in Amman. Hindi says that he is closing down the kosher menu due to a low number of patrons. (Reuters)

## King's new clothes don't impress Arabs

JACK REDDEN  
AMMAN

**L**ESS than a year after ending a half-century of conflict with the Jewish state, Jordan's King Hussein has moved so close to Israel and the US that other Arab states are showing alarm.

Jordan's pride at the prominence in regional politics of a country of only four million people is palpable. It refers to its "pivotal role" and dismisses Arab criticism as jealousy.

"What is being said about us, being a toy in the hands of other nations, is totally untrue," King Hussein insisted recently to a London-based newspaper. "We never compromise on our dignity or our rights."

But the king's need to defend himself reflected a fundamental shift in Jordan's position since the US began trying to shape a new Middle East following the Gulf war. No Arab country would now claim to be closer to Washington.

The change was demonstrated in spectacular fashion by the king's rush to sign a peace treaty last October with Israel.

Jordanians were still struggling with that startling reversal when the king moved as dramatically against his erstwhile ally Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"In a puzzling speed of developments, a new event shows up

every week to expose the new official trend running toward forming a new identity for Jordan and the Jordanians that has nothing to do with the Arab, Islamic basis on which generations were raised," said Laith Shbeilat, head of the engineers' union and an unyielding opponent of King Hussein's foreign policy.

"The official Jordan harms Jordanian-Iraqi ties to appease the American and Zionist masters," he wrote in a document circulating in Amman.

Such abrupt changes would be difficult anywhere. But in Jordan many remain hostile to Israel and sympathetic to Saddam, or at least to Iraqi economic links.

**ELSEWHERE** MANY leaders are suspicious of King Hussein's repeated denials of personal ambitions in Iraq and his rush to embrace Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin like an old friend.

Syria, its peace talks with Israel deadlocked, has been icy with Amman for the past year, furious that Jordan's unilateral move toward peace with the Jewish state weakened its position.

"The Syrians say they are surrounded by the Americans in Jordan, Israel and Turkey, and now, they fear, in Iraq too," a Lebanese government source said after talks in Damascus.

Egypt is just as sour on Jordan. President Hosni Mubarak belittled the importance of the Iraqi defectors whom King Hussein used to underline his policy shift.

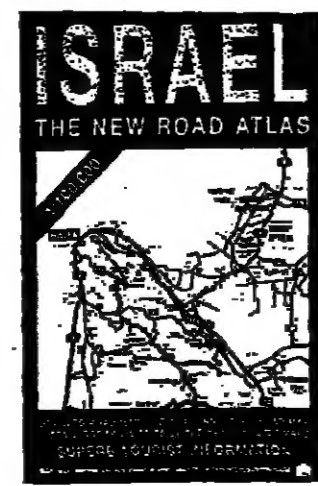
Mubarak, after publicly questioning the king's motives, sent his foreign minister to Amman at the end of August to discuss Iraq. A day later, Egypt's semi-official press attacked Jordan.

"It was noticed that the Egyptians are angered when they are not in the picture about any event in the region," King Hussein said.

King Hussein hopes the shift on Iraq - backed by further support from Washington - will help restore ties to Saudi Arabia and Gulf states still angry at his refusal to support the US-led coalition that liberated Kuwait. He told a newspaper that Saudi Arabia was the only Arab government he informed of the Iraqi defections.

Saudi Arabia welcomed the shift, but wants more.

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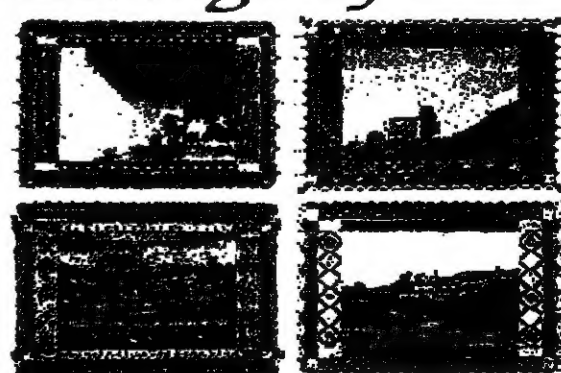
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The writer is a social worker living in Efrat.

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# A Lion who wrestled with history

The Lion Feuchtwanger library marks the career of this legendary writer, Tom Tugend reports from Los Angeles

THIRTY-SEVEN years after the author's death, the Lion Feuchtwanger Memorial Library officially opened at the University of Southern California last week. The library holds the works and the rare book collection of the man judged the most important writer of historical novels in the 20th century.

Feuchtwanger was born in Munich in 1884 to an Orthodox Jewish family. The sweep of his historical view, expressed in 19 novels and 19 plays, remains unparalleled.

In his Josephus trilogy, he explored the world of ancient Rome and Jerusalem through the works of Josephus Flavius, the Jewish historian of the first century CE. In other books, Feuchtwanger wrote with equal authority about Benjamin Franklin and the American Revolution, French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the French Revolution, Spanish painter Francisco Goya and his time, and the Salem witch hunt.

From a rare perspective, he persistently wrestled with the Jewish experience in different eras and settings.

"Lion told me that when you write about the past, you mean the present and you point to the future," says Dr. Harold von Hofe, an old friend of Feuchtwanger and his wife Marta, and now the director of the USC Feuchtwanger Institute



When you write about the past, you mean the present and you point to the future, according to Lion Feuchtwanger.

for Exile Studies.

"For instance, in his famous novel *Jew Süss* [later mutilated by the Nazis into a vicious antisemitic film], he writes about an 18th-century German court Jew, but he means the struggle of the Jewish people in the Western world," von Hofe adds. "*The Jewess of Toledo* is set in medieval Spain, but speaks to the relationships among Christians, Muslims and Jews."

It was fitting that the commemoration of Feuchtwanger's life was held in a library. He backed his historical research with vast boards of source material and invaluable first editions on the different eras and figures touched in his works.

His previous private libraries were lost in the '30s and '40s. The

first was lost when he left Hitler's Germany, where his early and prescient fusillades against fascism (labeled as "premature" during the McCarthy era) earned him an early spot on the Nazi hit list.

Feuchtwanger sought refuge in southern France, built up a second enormous library, and lost it when Vichy France threw him into a concentration camp.

After he moved to Los Angeles in 1941, Feuchtwanger started all over again and created the present magnificent collection. That one, too, was nearly lost when the Bel Air inferno of 1961 threatened his home, the Villa Aurora in Pacific Palisades.

His wife, refusing the orders of fire marshals to leave the endangered area, stayed behind to

guard the library.

The newly opened memorial library houses a complete set of Feuchtwanger's works, in numerous editions and translations, and 8,000 of the rarest books from his own collection, including 18 incunabula (books printed before 1500) as well as archival material.

But another 22,000 books remain on "permanent location" at the 14-room Villa Aurora, overlooking the Santa Monica Bay, which has been purchased by a group of German admirers of Feuchtwanger. It now houses the California Institute for European-American Relations, and this month will welcome the first two scholars from Germany for research on the author's works.

Feuchtwanger's novels and plays were immensely popular

from the '20s through the '30s, particularly in the US and Soviet Union. His books were selections of the Book-of-the-Month and Literary clubs in the US, selling some 2-3 million hard-cover copies, von Hofe estimates.

But these figures were dwarfed by the some 10-11 million copies sold in the former Soviet Union, and after the Nazi collapse. Feuchtwanger's writing enjoyed a new vogue in Germany. One German publisher is now printing a new edition of his works and von Hofe is well on his way in editing Feuchtwanger's correspondence (in five volumes, so far) and diaries.

In the Los Angeles of the '40s and '50s, Lion and Marta Feuchtwanger were at the center of a glittering exile community that included the greatest names of German literature, music, theater and architecture. Thanks to his already established name and continuing royalties, Feuchtwanger was able to aid many of his compatriots.

His friendship with "fellow travelers" Heinrich Mann and Bertolt Brecht, as well as his own leftist leanings, earned Feuchtwanger some unwanted notoriety in the heydays of senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee. Von Hofe was able to obtain the voluminous FBI files on Feuchtwanger, in which one source labels the writer as a "Kremlin crawler."

Marta Feuchtwanger survived her husband by 29 years and is remembered as a dramatic presence on the Los Angeles scene, her petite and erect figure always sheathed in black from neck to feet.

Weschler, who interviewed Marta in 53 sessions for an oral history project in the '70s, recalled that the then 84-year-old woman walked every morning at 6 from her steep hillside home to take a dip in the frigid Pacific Ocean.

Before her death in 1987, she bequeathed the library and her estate, which von Hofe estimates has a current value of about \$13 million, to USC.



## Debutante training for the 6-year-old

PARENTING

RUTH MASON

HOW can I help my almost six-year-old daughter be more socially acceptable to her peers? The children in her nursery school don't want to play with her at school, visit her at home or invite her to their homes, despite my encouragement and my relationships with their mothers. The teacher has spoken generally to the kids about social acceptance, and I have discussed the problem with my daughter. I'm fearful of her status in first grade and wish I could help her in some way.

Alan Flashman MD, pediatrician and child psychiatrist, replies:

Parents of small children live both inside and outside the emotional lives of their children. No aspect of parenting delineates these two areas with greater clarity than "making friends."

edge even the most minute change in the desired direction and don't comment on what hasn't changed. You can't make friends for your daughter. You can let her know that you are sure that she will find her own way to make friends and that you will keep searching for opportunities for her to try.

You also can talk with her about her fears and worries, share some of the worries you once had, and make up strategies to overcome fears and worries. (Some ideas: make up a funny name for the fear and, when it comes, say something like, "Babe Ruth is here" and find a place to put it away. Or, make up a little jingle that reminds her of mom, or that mom is with her.)

You can check with your spouse to see if this is an area of conflict - either overt or covert - between the two of you. If so, you may want to come up with an "agreement" which you're both agreeable. You also can talk with your own parents about how you and your siblings functioned in this area as children and how it was handled.

And, you can do one more thing: you can decide how big the problem is. The more you make it small, the smaller it becomes. The more steadily and gradually you set your course in a way that suits your personality, the more naturally you enlist other parents for joint invitations, the more you are alert to the first little signs of movement, the more the problem will fit its proper size: the size of six hands - your daughter's and her parents'.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

## Elite school gives future UK king a break from his parents

IN his black tailcoat, white tie and stiff collar, he seems indistinguishable from the other bewildered new boys starting the fall semester at Eton College.

But why does this 13-year-old have a bodyguard?

Prince William, elder son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, recently became the first future British monarch to attend the illustrious school which, for 555 years, has been educating Britain's political and military elite.

William, whose shy smile often appears in the British press, is second in line, after his father, to the throne of his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II.

His parents hope Eton will endow their tall, gangly blond son with a first-class education - and the maturity and confidence he needs for a life of royal duty.

As a boarder, "Wills" is now removed from the turbulence of his estranged parents' relationship. They separated in December 1992.

"The 13-year-old from the most celebrated broken home in the Western world will find, in Manor House at Eton, a realm of order out of the shifting sands of familial discord with celebrity parents competing for his attention," reflected London's *Sunday Times*.

Buckingham Palace, the school

and a media watchdog have appealed to Britain's ravenous newspapers to leave William alone while he is at Eton.

But the mass-selling tabloids are unlikely to comply.

Since Buckingham Palace announced his birth on June 21, 1982, the news media have chronicled everything from his toddler habit of tossing shoes into toilets, to later playground altercations.

The tabloid *News of the World* promised to behave responsibly but said, "Our readers share the country's fascination in the development of a young man who will one day be our king."

In a speech to news executives last month, Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, said William must be allowed to "run, walk, study and play at Eton, free from the fear of prying cameras."

He "must be allowed to make mistakes and learn the way we all did - without our reading consistently of his successes and failures in the columns of our newspapers," Wakeham said.

Eton says William must be "allowed to be himself and to lead his own life."

William is likely to be highly visible. The school buildings are strung along the main street of Eton, on the River Thames. Manor House, where William will live, is in the center of town.



Prince William at five: The future king has now enrolled at illustrious Eton. (Universal Pictorial Press)

Eton is familiar territory for the family. Diana's father and brother were at Eton and William's schoolmates will include minor royals and several friends from his elementary school.

TRADITIONALLY, future

British monarchs have been taught at home by private tutors. But Prince Charles was educated at Gordonstoun school in Scotland and then went on to Cambridge University, becoming the first member of his family to go to a university.

Charles must hope that his son will not be bullied, as he himself was at Gordonstoun.

"It's absolute hell," the young Charles wrote home from the school where his father, Prince Philip, had also gone. "I dread going to bed as I get hit all night long."

Most boys, it seems, so feared being branded as sycophants to the royal heir that they reacted by showing him hostility.

"How can you treat a boy as an ordinary chap if his mother's portrait is on the coins you spend in the school shop and a detective trails him wherever he goes?" one contemporary asked rhetorically.

However, former pupils say Eton can be cruel too and anyone different, a prince or a pauper, is likely to be picked on.

Luckily for the prince, Eton has abolished "fagging" - a system whereby new boys were made virtual slaves of their elders

- having to clean their shoes, even warm toilet seats for when temporary checkpoints are

Since King Henry VI founded Eton in 1440, Eton has educated the sons of the rich and powerful, although today's scholars are as likely to be the sons of store owners. Tuition costs £12,868 (NIS 60,000) a year, but there is feverish competition for the 1,270 places.

Eton has a reputation for inculcating mental superiority, grace and social status. But critics say it encourages elitism.

According to the Earl of Longford, who left Eton in 1924, "The danger is that you feel that it is the best school, and you go forward in life with the feeling that you are superior."

Longford, a staunch socialist who was in the Labor cabinet of prime minister Clement Attlee - voted into power in 1945, said such private schools perpetuate Britain's class system.

Among famous old Etonians are several prime ministers, including William Pitt, the Duke of Wellington, W.E. Gladstone, and Harold Macmillan.

Other famous alumni include writers Orwell, Shelley and Huxley.

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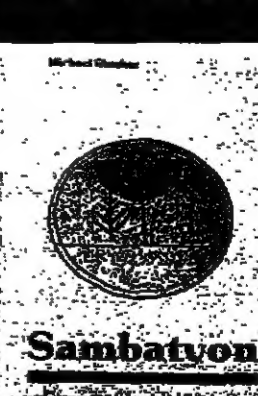
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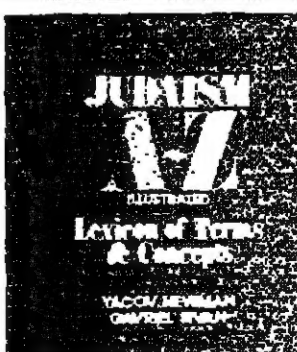
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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## Bill drafted to protect gov't in voucher program

ANTICIPATING the possibility that the government's plan to distribute free vouchers to the public for the purchase of state-owned firms and banks may depress stock prices, the Treasury has drafted legislation to protect the government from litigation.

The draft bill, which was publicized yesterday, was distributed earlier in the week to the legal establishment for comments.

The plan is aimed at jump-starting the government's privatization program by offering about NIS 6 billion in state-owned companies to the public.

Those listed in the voters registry - about 3.82 million people - will be entitled to receive free vouchers worth between NIS 400-NIS 600 for the purchase of a share package worth about NIS 2,000. Based on the address recorded in the registry, people will be notified by the Bank of Israel, which will deposit

JOSE ROSENFELD

the voucher in a bank chosen by the individual.

Three to four months after the vouchers are distributed, the stock market will open trading. Six months after distribution, it will be possible to convert the vouchers into shares at a price reflecting a 20 percent to 30 percent discount on the shares' market price.

According to the Brodet panel which recommended the plan, the first privatization candidates will be firms that have already issued a prospectus and have undertaken the required structural and regulatory reforms.

The panel recommended to sell initially shares in a group of companies that could include Israel Chemicals, Bezeq, El Al, Zim, Israel Electric Corporation, Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi, Bank Discount, and Bank Mizrahi.

Once the vouchers are traded for shares, people will have between one to two years to buy them, after which they will expire.

Should an individual die during the program, his spouse will be entitled to the voucher, and in the absence of a spouse, his children will receive the voucher.

The cost of administering the program is estimated at NIS 8.3m. The Treasury expects to incur additional advertising and public information expenses for explaining the program and educating the public about the companies whose shares are being offered.

The program is estimated to save about NIS 240m. in underwriting costs which would be required for a regular issue of such magnitude.

Treasury officials estimate that it will take about six months for the program to begin.

## 'NIS 4b. redemptions of savings plans to be re-invested'

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE banking sector expects the majority of some NIS 4 billion of savings plans that expire today to be re-invested into new savings plans and to be used to repay bank loans.

Nearly all commercial banks have announced new savings plans during the last few weeks, due to the impending withdrawal of money deposited in saving schemes with the Accountant General in 1989. The money was deposited in five-year programs linked to either the Consumer Price Index or the dollar - which ever achieved the highest yield.

Banking sources expect more than half the money to be used to repay bank loans which were used to finance saving schemes and other loans. A spokesman for one of the large commercial banks said about 70% of the money in the saving plans will be used to repay loans.

"People are living very comfortably today, partly because of money borrowed from the banks to improve their standard of living. Many of the savers have overdrafts to pay off," one banker said.

The banks forecast the remaining money will be recycled into new saving plans and shekel deposits.

"The savings schemes expiration means much money will be transferred into customers' credit accounts," a banker said. "All of the banks have made great efforts to establish new savings plans to attract customers' savings as

soon as possible."

The banks are offering two-year, index-linked savings plans at an annual rate of about 4.75%.

A banking source said customers interested in maintaining their savings plans in a program have two alternatives: One is to deposit immediately the money in a new plan, thereby benefiting from the relatively high interest rates offered by the banks. This choice does not provide linkage from today until the end of the month. The second option is to deposit savings in a shekel deposit until the end of the month and then join a new savings scheme in October.

According to the banks, only a small percentage of the NIS 4b. will be invested in the capital market, securities, and mutual funds.

"The majority of people who invested in the saving schemes are conservative investors, who are interested in saving for their kids," a banking source said. "They are not the kind of customers that like to play with their money, especially when most of the public has not yet regained its confidence in the stock market."

Bankers also doubt money will be deposited into provident funds.

"The provident funds offer very different liquidity conditions to the savings programs, since they are for 15 years," a banker said. "Since 1995, a large percentage of the public has withdrawn money out of the provident funds and invested in savings plans."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Alon opened six public fuel stations yesterday at the Mishmar Hasharon, Kiryat Ata, Safed, Alumit, Gesher Haziv, and Haon Junctions.

Each station includes retail space, which has been rented out by restaurants, factory outlet stores, and offices. In addition, all stations house a Super-Alonit mini-market, a joint venture between Alon and SuperSol.

Total investment in the project was \$10 million, of which \$6m. was invested in the stations themselves.

Alon operates over 100 fuel stations in moshavim, kibbutzim, and factories.

Rachel Neiman

Nesher Cement Enterprises yesterday inaugurated a new production line at its Ramle facility after a \$185m. investment. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harizi attended the ceremony.

The new "dry" production line grinds and dries raw materials before firing without using water. Traditional "wet" production grinds equal parts of chalk and clay together with 40 percent water to create clinker, a half-finished product. Clinker is then ground with plaster and coal dust to create the finished cement product.

The new line uses one-tenth the amount of water required by the wet method and is expected to yield annually 10,000 tons of clinker per worker compared with 5,000 tons via the old method. 1994 production volume was 5.1m. tons.

Rachel Neiman

Bezeq and Kupat Holim Clalit yesterday agreed on a joint project to issue "smart cards" that will serve as health fund membership cards as well as a means of payment.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul and Clalit director-general Avigdor Kaplan said they would produce 5m. smart cards - plastic cards with a magnetic strip that can be "loaded" with money and used for the payment of goods and services. A few months ago, Bezeq started its first smart card experiment at Bar-Ilan University's campus.

Judy Siegel

Israel Land Development Insurance has been awarded the insurance contract on the coastal road's Megadim Bridge. The policy covers construction of the NIS 15m. overpass, which includes two train tracks.

Rachel Neiman

Outstanding exporters awarded: Orisot Original Solutions, a manufacturer of automated shoe manufacturing equipment, the educational software firm Edushape, the computer firm BOS, and Imperial Plastics Industries, a manufacturer of housewares and DIY products, received outstanding exporter awards at yesterday's Export Day activities.

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OmniTech-Ellant will provide support services to over 400 computers equipped with Telrad switchboard systems.

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## 4th Dimension, Dazel sign pact

RACHEL NEIMAN

4TH Dimension Software and US-based Dazel Corporation announced yesterday the signing of an OEM agreement in which 4D will sell Dazel's leading client/server management system under the local firm's name.

According to the pact, the firms will co-develop a seamlessly integrated product, Control-D/ Delivery, which will include Dazel technology. The product will fully integrate with 4D's Control-D and other products.

4th Dimension will immediately begin reselling Dazel products to Control-D users who want UNIX delivery capabilities in addition to those for mainframes and PCs.

Control products are multi-platform system management tools. "As the demand to move business-critical applications to client/server platforms increases, output management solutions

must evolve to meet this need," 4D acting CEO Roni Einav said. "In order to shorten the delivery time, we decided not to develop such a solution on our own." Dazel was chosen "after an extensive evaluation of available solutions," he said.

"This agreement enables Dazel to penetrate previously untapped global markets via 4th Dimension's international presence," Dazel president Robert Fabbio said.

## Frenkel: Excess demand needs to be reduced

RACHEL NEIMAN

INFLATION and the resulting deficit are both reflections of the same problem - that of excess demand - Bank of Israel Governor Ya'acov Frenkel said yesterday at the Israel Export Institute's annual gathering.

The governor called for a long-range strategy to reduce excess demand, beginning with the national government budget.

"Inflation is not the Bank of Israel's private problem and is not [merely] an annoyance to economic growth but it can become a real impediment," he said.

Frenkel pointed out that high inflation goes hand in hand with slow economic growth.

Inflation moderated during the first half of the year, but Frenkel predicted it will rise in the second half of the year.

"The government can contribute by reducing costs," he said.

Frenkel also called for reducing the national budget. "Reducing interest rates will encourage consumption," he said.

He added that he wanted to see the abolishment of supervisory measures on foreign currency that started in the 1980s.

Later in the day, chairman of the Manufacturers Association Foreign Trade Division Dr. Ehud Geller accused the government and the Bank of Israel of "endan-



President Weizman speaks at the Israel Export Institute's annual gathering yesterday. (Hadar)

gering the achievement of recent years which could bring about an economic crisis in 1996-1997."

Geller called on the government to establish a long-range \$500 million loan fund to encourage exports and to double the

current Export Encouragement Fund to \$100m.

He said the combination of reduced interest rates with deep budget cuts and a change in the exchange rate, "together with a change in [the government and the

Bank of Israel's] priorities," could prevent a wave of excess civilian imports and balance of payments.

"The government must implement the Horowitz Committee Report and encourage exports by giving loan guarantees," he added.

## Business, not politics to top area summit

DUBAI (Reuters) - Business rather than politics will top the agenda at the Middle East/North Africa Economic Summit in Jordan next month, World Economic Forum executive board member Frederic Sicre said yesterday.

"We want a very business-driven agenda in Amman," Sicre said, adding that the Geneva-based organization would do its best to avoid a repeat of last November's politics-dominated summit in Casablanca.

That meeting brought together for the first time Arab and Israeli political and business leaders.

"We are not trying to force the peace process... economic bridges can be built faster than political ones," he told a meeting of the American Business Council in Dubai.

Asked to give the likely theme of the summit, he said: "Turning reconciliation into reconstruction."

Sicre said Iran and Iraq would not take part in the meeting, co-sponsored by US President Bill Clinton.

He said business and governments would present to the summit details of a number of multi-million-dollar infrastructure projects planned in the region.

"So far the projects we know that will be presented are the Jordan Rift Valley development plan, the Aqaba airport servicing Jordan and Israel, and the development plan for West Gaza."

"My job in the United Arab Emirates is to encourage the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) to do the same."

The GCC comprises Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, and Qatar.

He said a common misconception was that the summit would act of a "legitimizing the establishment of a (\$5 billion) Middle East Development Bank. This is not even on the agenda. We are not pushing this subject forward."

The US was in favor of such a bank, while the European Union was against it, he said.

Other issues likely to be discussed at the summit, which is expected to be attended by around 1,000 business and political leaders, were the creation of a regional business council and a regional tourism council.

Sicre said he hoped the forum's next meeting in 1996 would be held in the Gulf.

## Court to government: Explain unwillingness to issue special bonds to fringe benefit funds

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE government will have to explain why it is not willing to issue special non-tradeable bonds to fringe benefit funds following a temporary injunction issued by the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The injunction was granted at the request of seven fund members following the government's agreement to subsidize bonds for pension funds. The petitioners have asked the court to instruct the government to approve similar bonds for fringe benefit funds.

Following a hearing, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak instructed the government to respond within 45 days.

The petitioners said the government's decision to stop issuing fringe benefit funds with special

bonds - which carry a set interest rate and are not traded on the exchange - has forced the funds to invest in securities which are traded on the exchange. According to the petitioners, the funds have no alternative but to invest in high-risk speculative investments.

In response, the government said it's not forcing the funds to make speculative investments - they can invest in more conservative areas like government bonds.

The Association of Life Insurance Companies filed a similar appeal with the High Court of Justice last week. The insurance companies claim the government's pension reforms discriminate against life insurance plans.

## Court upholds Maccabi Beer ad ban

HELEN KAYE

TEMPO will not be able to run a controversial advertisement for Maccabi Beer on Channel 2, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

In a precedent-setting decision, the three-judge panel rejected an appeal by Tempo Beer Industries against the Second Television and Radio Authority which had banned a Maccabi ad which offered prizes as an inducement to buy the beer.

The advertisement "encourages increased and exaggerated consumption of alcohol... which is liable to harm public health and road safety," said Second Authority legal counsel Yuval Karniel.

Judge Eliahu Mazza emphasized that even though the ban might have infringed on the appellant's freedom of expression, it was imposed "for a proper purpose and in proper measure."

## Johnson & Johnson to invest in Medinol

RACHEL NEIMAN

JOHNSON & Johnson is negotiating for a stake in the start-up company Medinol.

The US-based firm's proposed \$360 million investment could be the largest foreign investment ever made in a local company.

The agreement is set to be finalized on October 12.

Johnson & Johnson is interested in acquiring exclusive manufacturing and distribution rights for a

unique spring used to hold heart arteries open, thereby eliminating the need for heart bypass surgery. Johnson & Johnson is reportedly developing a similar product.

Medinol's patent is held by Gregory Pinhasik, an immigrant scientist from the former Soviet Union.

Medinol is owned by Dr. Kobi Richter, head of Marathon Capital Investments, who holds 35 percent outstanding capital share.

## Ministry: Examine Kinneret pollution

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Ministry of Agriculture yesterday instructed the Lake Kinneret Authority and the Kinneret Lab Research Institute to examine thoroughly the reasons for deterioration in the lake's water.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri appealed to the two bodies following the release of laboratory test results of water samples taken from the Kinneret over the last few months.

Tsuri said the samples show a deterioration in the quality of the lake's water as well as the existence of seaweed, which has a negative effect on the lake's chlorophyll level.

He added that the drop in the number of fish and the existence of very small sardines also indicate pollution in the lake.

Authority director Zvi Ortenberg blamed the results on pollution emanating from nearby cowsheds, sewage systems which are not operating properly, and tourism and holiday resorts.

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# Dolphins stop Steelers

MIAMI (AP) - The Pittsburgh Steelers made good on a promise and knocked Dan Marino out of the game, but they could do little against the Miami Dolphins' defense.

Miami forced five turnovers Monday night in a 23-10 victory that was tainted when Marino bruised his chest late in the third quarter.

The 34-year-old quarterback, who was replaced by Bernie Kosar, watched the end of the game in uniform from the sideline and was prepared to return if needed. X-rays were negative.

"I'm going to be OK," Marino said. "I really just got the wind knocked out of me."

Marino left the game after he was tackled by linebacker Greg Lloyd, who had said he would try to knock Miami's quarterback "into next week."

"I don't think he quite got knocked into next week," Dolphins linebacker Bryan Cox said. "But I think he's at about Saturday now."

When asked about the play, Marino said, "I can't remember right now. From what I was told, it was a fine hit."

The hit came with about 2:30 left in the third quarter. No penalty was called.

Marino was rolling right and released what would be a 15-yard completion to Mike Williams. Just after Marino threw, Lloyd, who had been in close pursuit, hit the quarterback from behind and drove him face down into the dirt of the baseball infield.

Marino rolled over on his back, grabbed Lloyd's jersey with his



GOING DOWN - Dolphins' Dan Marino fires off a pass while being tackled by Steelers' Joel Steed (93) and Chad Brown during the second quarter on Monday night. (Reuters)

left hand and appeared to have words with him. Lloyd attempted to stay in the area where Marino was lying, but was pushed away by Miami's Irving Fryar.

The Dolphins improved to 3-0 and gained an early edge in the battle for playoff home-field advantage. Pittsburgh, which reached the AFC championship game last season, fell to 2-1.

Three Pittsburgh turnovers led

to 17 Miami points, and two ended scoring threats.

J.B. Brown made two interceptions, including one to stop the Steelers at the Miami 8-yard line with four minutes left. The Dolphins also had four sacks.

The Dolphins outscored their three opponents 95-27, and the defense has allowed just two touchdowns while totaling 14 takeaways.

# Once-lofty Angels returning to Earth

OAKLAND (AP) - Doug Johns (5-1) pitched a two-hitter and the Oakland Athletics took advantage of Chuck Finley's wildness in a 4-0 win Monday night over the California Angels, whose AL West lead was cut to two games.

California, which had an 11-game lead in the AL West on August 9, has lost five straight and 23 of 31.

Craig Paquette hit a solo homer and drove in a runner with a groundout. Finley (13-11), winless in his last five starts, allowed four runs and five hits in 6 1/2 innings and walked five.

Mariners & Rangers 1 Randy Johnson (15-2) allowed three hits over eight innings and struck out 10 as host Seattle maintained a one-game lead over New York in the AL wild-card race.

Mike Blowers hit a three-run

homer and Edgar Martinez added a two-run homer, Texas, which dropped two games behind the Mariners in the wild-card race, lost for only the second time in nine games.

With Seattle ahead 3-1 after two innings, Blowers homered off Bobby Witt (3-3), his 22nd of the season.

Yankees 9, Blue Jays 2

After being shut out for six innings by rookie Jeff Warr, who was called up September 1, host New York

David Cone (16-8) allowed six hits in eight innings, striking out five and walking two.

After Cone came in, he made a fielding error, issued a walk, and made another fielding error on a grounder by Bernie Williams that allowed New York to tie the game 1-1.

Paul O'Neill followed with a sharp RBI single.

Brewers 6, Red Sox 1

Ricky Bones (10-10) scattered seven hits in his third complete game as the Milwaukee Brewers won the fifth in 20 games and postponed Boston's clinching celebration.

DAVID'S NL RESULTS: Cardinals 7, New York 1; St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 2; Cincinnati 7, Montreal 4; Houston 3, Chicago 1; Philadelphia 13, Florida 10; Colorado 5, San Diego 1.

Minnesota 10, Kansas City 4 (5)

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**East Division**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	79	53	.598	-
New York	68	64	.518	10.5

Montreal	61	71	.462	23.5
New York	61	71	.462	23.5
Florida	59	72	.450	25

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	76	53	.588	-
Houston	69	63	.523	10

# Israel to bid farewell to Ohana in tonight's match vs. Uruguay

ORI LEWIS and JOSH KALMAN

ELI Ohana, one of Israel's greatest-ever strikers, bids farewell to the national team for the last time this evening in an international friendly match between Israel and Uruguay.

The national team will be making one of its rare appearances at Teddy Stadium, which is also Ohana's home turf, where he turns out for Bnei Yehuda. But ironically, fears over the Jerusalem star's fitness have put his appearance in doubt - a decision on whether he will play will be made today.

Despite this being only a friendly match, Israel can expect a very tough match against the Uruguayans, who are their continental champions after winning the Copa America earlier this summer.

Coach Shlomo Scharf has

made a few changes to the squad which turns out this evening at 5:30 pm, most notable among them are the omissions of Maccabi Haifa stars Haim Revivo and Eyal Berkovitz and teammates Ronny Levy and Avishai Janon. Scharf was not pleased with their performances in Haifa's league game against Maccabi Herzliya on Monday.

In their place among the 18 players invited to the squad are Reuven Atar, who gets a recall and debutants Gadi Hazut, Alon Brumer and Arik Benado.

Maccabi Haifa, which for so long has been the mainstay of the national team, could be without any players in the starting lineup, as Alon Hazut looks like being left on the bench, as will goalkeeper Rafi Cohen, who makes way for Bonnie Ginzburg.

The Uruguayan squad, which arrived in Israel on Monday night, is missing some of its major stars - Daniel Fonseca, Ruben Sosa and Enzo Francescoli will not be playing - but the squad is nevertheless blessed with plenty of talent and coach Hector Nunez has great expectations that his side will produce the right result this evening.

The Uruguayans are expected to open with the following eleven: Romai; Mendes, Herrera, Lopez, Muran; Da Silva, Gutierrez, Adinolfi, Otho, Eber and Megjans.

Scharf will likely choose from the following players: Ginzburg, Hazut, Gadi Brumer, Benado or Shelah, Amsalem; Baun, Atar, Zohar, Klinger or Hazan; Ohana and Mizrahi.

Earlier yesterday, Jerusalem

Mayor Ehud Olmert officially welcomed the Uruguayan team to Israel at a reception at City Hall, praising the "strong ties" the two countries have enjoyed.

"We never forget those who cause us troubles, and we never forget our friends. And you are our friends," Olmert told the visitors through a Spanish translator.

The mayor had great respect for the Uruguayans' proven soccer prowess, all but admitting Israel was outclassed.

"As you know, we are very strong in history. Soccer, we can learn from you," Olmert joked.

Before embarking on a team tour of the Old City, Nunez said he was impressed with the "warm" reception and Israel on the whole.

"The little I have seen is excellent," he said.

# First Division clubs threaten breakaway

LONDON (AP) - English First Division teams, playing in the shadow of Premier League powerhouses like Manchester United and Newcastle, are threatening to break away unless they get a bigger cut of the financial pie.

Leicester chairman Martin George, whose club was demoted this season from the Premier League, is scheduled to meet Thursday with officials of Oldham, Crystal Palace, Stoke, Wol-

verhampton and Millwall.

Reports suggest the clubs will discuss their demands for a greater share of income as well as their threat to split from the Football League and form a separate league.

The clubs say they have been ignored by the Football League and want more control over television revenue.

Football League officials dismissed the threat.

# Newcastle hits five

LONDON (Reuters) - Newcastle made English League Cup opponents Bristol City look like the Second Division strugglers they are in a 5-0 second round, first leg rout yesterday.

Goals from Darren Peacock, Scott Sellers, Les Ferdinand, Keith Gillespie and Robert Lee turned the home return leg for the English championship leaders into a formality.

England defender Tony Adams showed Dennis Bergkamp the road to goal, scoring twice as Arsenal trounced Hartlepool 3-0.

The Third Division side was reduced to 10 men on the hour when goalkeeper Brian Horne was sent off for handling the ball outside his area.

Wimbledon finished on the wrong side of a nine-goal thriller with First Division Charlton and its premier league counterparts Nottingham Forest lost 3-2 at Second Division Bradford.

Midfielder Lee Bowyer scored a hat-trick in Charlton's 5-4 win. He scored in the first half and added two more in the 76th and 78th minutes.

Wimbledon led twice and had

looked like sealing victory when second half goals from Dean Holdsworth and Robbie Earle put them 3-2 ahead.

Bradford had Forest reeling when Paul Showler, Eddie Youds, and Ian Ormondroyd sent them to a 3-1 advantage.

But Norwegian international Lars Bohinen, who gave Forest an early lead, added a second in the closing moments.

Leeds boss Howard Wilkinson watched his side held 0-0 at home to Notts County, the club with which he began his managerial career.

The scoreline was the same at Wycombe against Premier League strugglers Manchester City who have yet to win this season.

Rob Edwards struck twice for Crewe and Belgian international Marc Degryse did the same for Wednesday in the 2-2 stalemate.

Chris Allen clinched a 1-1 draw for Oxford against Queens' Park Rangers who had gone ahead through Danny Dichio.

Matthew Le Tissier netted two for Southampton in a 3-0 success at third division Cardiff.

# English rugby clubs at odds with union

LONDON (AP) - England's top rugby union clubs are threatening to break with the game's ruling body.

In a statement released yesterday, Division One clubs said they would not take part in a commission set up by the England Rugby Union. They said they hadn't been consulted over plans for the sport since the International Rugby Board decided to open the game to professionals.

The clubs issued a vote of no confidence in the commission and set up a working group with plans to launch their own company.

But Rugby Union Secretary Tony Hallett said he regretted the move.

"I'm disappointed the clubs have decided to take this action. They did not feel their voice was being sufficiently heard, but lines of communication are being kept open," he said.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Player cited for head stomping

West Ham defender Julian Dicks could face both a fine and suspension for stomping on the head of Chelsea defender John Spencer in a Premier League match last week, the Football Association said yesterday.

The English FA cited Dicks for bringing the sport into repute, a clause that allows England's governing body wide latitude in assessing fines and handing out suspensions. Dicks has 14 days to appeal the sanction.

Dicks has threatened to sue former Cabinet minister David Mellor, who called him an "animal" after the incident on a radio program.

AP

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FINAL BOWLING AVERAGES										FINAL BATTING AVERAGES									
	O	B	R	Avg	5W	10W		O	B	R	Avg	50s	100s						
Douglas	553.3	104	104	10.4	1	1	Stanger	29.32	3	225	235	77.50	18	7					
Burns	312.18	441	38	17.39	1	1	Stanger	13.11	8	145	265	76.33	3	1					
Lewis	67.4	12	289	12.74	0	0	Gibson	14.38	4	495	122	61.87	2	1					
Copple	103.3	22	226	13.73	0	0	Gibson	14.38	9	1781	253	39.34	7	1					
Shaw	568.4	147	164	87.19	5	2	Lane	13.28	1	1124	179	59.24	3	7					
W. Adams	518.1	108	159	81.72	3	2	Chandrasekhar	15.25	8	1803	149	59.00	4	5					
Pharm	373.5	119	152	48.19	3	1	Langer	7.12	3	514	149	57.33	2	2					
Cole	375.5	89	105	52.19	3	1	Archer	15.23	4	1077	144	54.68	3	1					
Gill	584.5	111	188	59.28	4	1	Pye	28.37	3	1913	213	54.26	4	18					
Johnson	381.4	79	812	28.36	2	1	Lamb	18.38	4	1307	166	56.22	3	9					
Smith	494.4	265	243	185.28	4	2	Symonds	18.31	5	1428	254	57.30	6	9					
Williams	49.15	204	10	28.48	0	0	Reedy	18.37	2	1480	169	53.17	5	7					
Reynolds	284.1	71	923	43.21	3	1	Reedy	28.34	5	1579	157	53.16	6	7					
Smith	415.3	104	125	59.21	4	1	Reynolds	19.35	1	1854	186	54.52	4	18					
Wood	97.4	25	303	14.21	0	0	Wells	18.30	2	1524	178	54.42	7	14					
Talbot	478.1	207	103	24.22	5	1	Gosling	14.22	1	1139	148	54.23	5	5					
Giles	144.5	44	334	16.21	1	0	Mallender	18.32	0	1728	229	54.00	7	5					
Stanger	175.1	42	399	27.12	1	0	Reynolds	19.32	3	1419	196	53.96	4	15					
Young	128.34	339	14	22.43	0	3	Hollings	12.22	6	915	137	53.32	3	4					
Hayward	546.148	1551	67	22.47	4	5	Smith	12.23	2	1171	172	53.19	3	4					
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## Eitan wants Tsomet MKs to pay 'deposit' for loyalty

SARAH HONIG

IF Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan has his way, the party's Knesset candidates will each be required to post a NIS 100,000 bond, to be forfeited if any MK leaves Tsomet for another party.

Eitan formally made the proposal, which requires central committee approval to be adopted, to his party yesterday.

This is the first-ever such move in any of Israel's political parties, and Eitan explained it as "a preventive move geared to deter any candidate from following in the footsteps of Gonen Segev. We hope this is unnecessary and will not happen. But one never knows. No one imagined Gonen Segev would do what he did either. Losing NIS 100,000 might deter some people, maybe not all, but we must do whatever we can to immunize ourselves against the Gonen Segev syndrome."

Segev was second on Tsomet's 1992 Knesset list. He and MKs Esther Salmowitz and Alex Goldfarb split off from Tsomet to form Yit'ad after a disagreement with Eitan. Segev and Goldfarb later joined the coalition, despite the fact "that they knew full well they were stealing national camp votes and taking them to the coalition which stands for precisely the opposite of what the Tsomet electorate voted for," Eitan said.

In 1992, each Tsomet MK signed an undertaking to seek a vote of confidence from the party institutions after two years in the House and to return his mandate if the party expressed no-confidence in him. The Yit'ad trio ignored this provision, and legal experts are unsure whether Tsomet would be able to collect its bond if another MK puts it to the test.

Meanwhile, Eitan strenuously refuses to release the names of the eight chosen as party candidates in a special "sorting committee" deliberation earlier in the month. Eitan's formal argument is that he prefers "not to foment discord in the ranks by a premature disclosure."

A further 18 candidates are to be chosen in primaries and the central committee will then rank all the candidates.

Among those who sought a nomination from the committee was outgoing Tsomet director-general Doron Shmueli, who was supported by Eitan but opposed by MK Moshe Felet. It is not known whether or not his candidacy has been approved. Felet charges that Shmueli is an ideologically unreliable as Segev was.

Some Tsomet officials speculate that Eitan's bond idea is designed to erase any lingering doubts about Shmueli's loyalties.

(Continued from Page 1)

Differences on Hebron have been narrowed but still remain. In a major move, Israel accepted the principle that the IDF would redeploy out of an unspecified area of the city, and it apparently agreed that it would not explicitly insist that it be written that the IDF has overriding authority or the freedom of movement in the city. However, it seems that Palestinian police functions in the city would be limited to maintaining public order, and will not have other functions it enjoys in other Arab cities.

IDF forces would be stationed to protect specific areas, where an estimated 400 Jewish settlers reside.

## Weizman dismayed by pace of talks

President Ezer Weizman said yesterday he is disappointed by the pace of talks focusing on interim issues, rather than finalizing an agreement with the Palestinians.

Speaking to industrialists at a ceremony marking National Export Day, Weizman said Israel must reach an agreement with the Palestinians by next year.

Although he said Israel's bargaining chips are dwindling, he congratulated negotiators and expressed confidence Israel will soon have peace agreements with Syria and Lebanon as well. *Itim*

# Artillery Corps unveils rocket system

ALON PINKAS

THE Artillery Corps is undergoing a profound and revolutionary transformation with the introduction of the advanced, US-made, Multiple Launched Rocket System (MLRS), said OC Artillery Brig.-Gen. Shuka Dorfman yesterday. The MLRS was officially unveiled together with other systems designed to bring the corps into the next millennium.

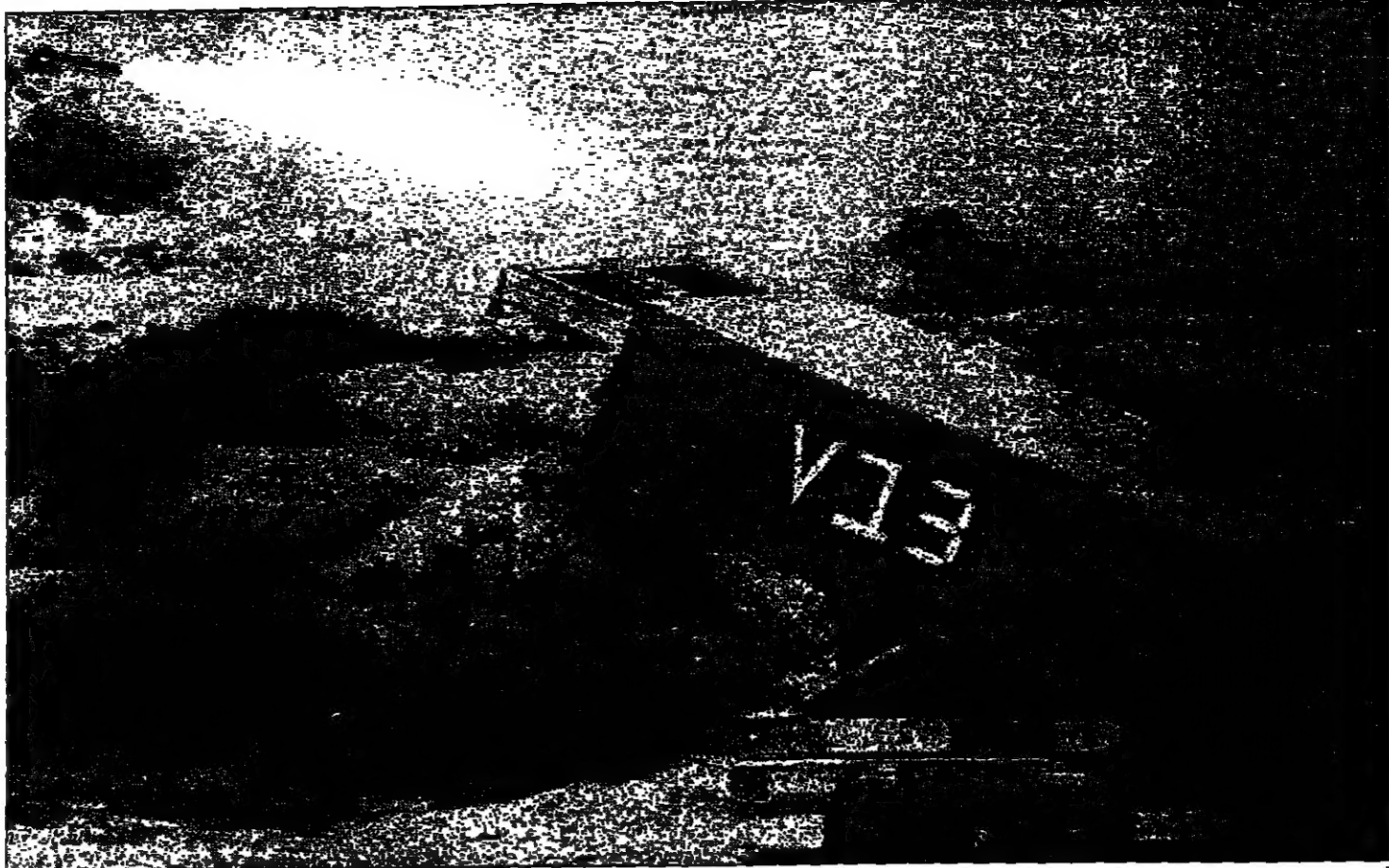
The decision to acquire the MLRS was made in February 1993, following several years of evaluations and budgetary constraints. The MLRS is capable of firing 12 rockets simultaneously from 10-32 kilometers.

The 227mm. rockets carry a payload of cluster bombs, which are released when the rockets explode over the battlefield. The MLRS is a so-called "shoot and scoot" system, meaning it fires and redeployed immediately, thus decreasing its exposure to return fire.

The MLRS, used effectively by the US in the Gulf War, is designed to be used against second-echelon forces, which includes logistics, engineering, and reinforcements moving behind front line units.

The system is already operational in the IDF. Since 1993, IDF officers and soldiers have trained with the MLRS at the US Army Artillery School in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

The total cost of the new system is estimated at \$360 million, all allocated in the 1995 US military grant to Israel, as part of the Pentagon's Foreign Military Sales Program. An additional NIS 400 million are allocated to the project from the defense budget.



A rocket is test-fired yesterday by the new Artillery Corps MLRS system.

The addition of the MLRS and the advanced semi-autonomous M-109AS self-propelled howitzer to the IDF's arsenal immensely enhances our firepower

and fire volume and extends the IDF's land-based long arm of fire," said Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak after the live-fire demonstration at the Rishon Beach proving grounds.

The Artillery Corps also unveiled an advanced self-propelled howitzer, the M-109AS, which is capable of independent target acquisition and rapid fire.

(Ronen)

## State hospital workers call end to strike

JUDY SIEGEL

STATE hospitals were spared further misery yesterday, when the Tel Aviv Labor Court persuaded striking cleaning workers to end their strike on its second day.

The workers immediately returned and began preparing meals, sterilizing equipment, washing laundry and reactivating the hospital's heating system. The union had launched the strike on Monday to protest against the government's refusal to implement recommendations of the Padeh Committee for raising salary scales in Kupat Chalit and government hospitals.

The employers agreed to do so, and were instructed to sit down for continuous talks. The two sides will report their progress to the court by October 5.

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## Levy boasts over 100,000 signatures for candidacy

MK David Levy claimed yesterday that he had already surpassed his goal to collect 100,000 signatures on a petition forwarding his candidacy for prime minister.

Levy was speaking at a ceremony inaugurating his new offices in Tel Aviv.

The law requires only 50,000 signatures or the support of 10 MKs. Since Levy is not backed by a Knesset faction, he is obliged to supply signatures. Levy said from the outset that he would bring double what is needed.

"This," Levy announced yesterday "shows unequivocally that we will not be just another party but one of the great parties. We will be a large party with which all the others will have to reckon. A powerful new force has been born in Israel."

The polls currently predict between two to three MKs for his list. *Sarah Honig*

## PROGRESS

As a symbol of newly won Palestinian Authority (PA) control, Israel agreed to turn over its main IDF installation in the city to serve as the Palestinian Police headquarters.

However, differences remained on when the IDF redeployment would be. A key difference is that the Palestinians insist that the pullback take place concurrent with all other Palestinian cities, namely before elections. Israeli officials have insisted that security dictates that the pullback only occur after a bypass road around Halhoul is completed.

The Palestinians also want 500 Palestinian policemen stationed in Hebron, while Israel has agreed to about 200 armed with light weapons. Moreover, on a symbolic level, the Palestinians want it stated that "Hebron is an Arab city," but last night Peres demurred. "Historically, Hebron is the city of our fathers," he said, but added that the key was to find compromises in dealing with the reality of today while avoiding "sweeping declarations."

Meanwhile, relatives of Israelis who were killed by terrorists met with Peres, but failed to win a commitment from him to toughen the extradition clause or to link extraditions to the release of Palestinian prisoners.

## Labor to urge members not to form new party

SARAH HONIG

THE Labor Party will convene its members active in the Third Way tomorrow, in an effort to persuade them against forming a new party, which may be set up by Labor MKs Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zisman.

In another move, Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli yesterday sought to apply pressure on another Laborite who might run against his party - Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon. Zvilli demanded that Ramon announce whether he plans to support Labor in the next elections or found another new party.

But Ramon insists he will not decide before mid-1996. He is essentially demanding reserved slots on the Knesset list for himself and

his Histadrut faction colleagues, MK Amir Peretz and Shmuel Avital.

Avital dismissed "Zvilli's ultimatum," yesterday, saying "obviously Zvilli has learned nothing from what went on during the Histadrut campaign when he virtually pushed us out of Labor and he is pushing again. If he wants to frighten us then we hereby officially inform him that he has failed to instill panic in our hearts and send us scurrying back for the security of the old party fold. Zvilli will not manage to get us to make any move at any time which does not best serve our interests and not his."

The convening of the Third Way's Labor Party activists is also a Zvilli initiative. Zvilli hopes that out of the estimated 60 Laborites who are Third Way council members, most will oppose the launching of a new party. If he gets them to pass a resolution against leaving Labor, Zvilli believes he will be able to deter Kahalani and Zisman.

The Third Way Council is due to convene next month to decide whether the movement will become a bona fide party. Political observers believe there is a solid majority within the council for the formation of a new party, with most of the opponents Laborites.

## Lawyer for 'Ma'ariv' investigator calls for charges to be dropped

RAINE MARCUS

THE lawyer of private investigator Rafi Friedan, charged with tapping scores of phones, cellular phones and faxes on behalf of Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrod and others, said yesterday he will ask the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court to either drop charges or acquit his client before the evidence in the trial is heard.

Attorney Avigdor Feldman argued that since Friedan's former partner and co-defendant Ya'acov Tsor secretly turned State's Witness against Nimrod during his client's trial, it was impossible to give Friedan a fair hearing.

"This is a most incorrect way to conduct a trial," he said. "On the one hand [Tsor] was accused to conduct a trial, he said. "On the other hand he was acting as a police agent, gathering

evidence against my client and against my client's lawyer Moti Katz."

Feldman said it was inconceivable that Tsor, while still a co-defendant in the media wiretapping case, appearing in the same courtroom as Friedan, clandestinely gathered evidence for police against Friedan and others.

"Vital evidence and my client's line of defense were exposed, causing irreparable damage," he said.

Tsor will not testify against Friedan but will against Katz, suspected of obstructing justice by transferring hush money from Nimrod to the pair to ensure they did not cooperate with police.

Judge Zecharia Caspi adjourned yesterday's hearing until October 24.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Arafat again videotaped praising terrorists

Another videotape showing PLO chairman Yasser Arafat praising terrorists was revealed yesterday by the Institute for Peace Education. Arafat is shown celebrating the start of the school year with girls in Gaza and praised them as being part of the "revolution" as were Abir Wabishi, the man who murdered Zvi Klein in 1991. "With strength and blood we will redeem Palestine," the girls said. The video of Arafat speaking on Palestinian television on September 3 was translated and prepared by Yigal Carmon, former terrorism adviser to prime ministers Rabin and Shamir. *Itim*

### Rabinovich concerned over House hearing

Ambassador to the US Ezer Rabinovich met yesterday with the House International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman to express concern over a hearing on the peace process that Gilman will preside over this morning. Rabinovich told Gilman that the testimony of those seen as opponents of aid to the Palestinians could turn the hearing into a free-for-all between Jewish groups supporting and opposing the peace process, Israeli officials said. *Hillel Kuttler*

### Taxi driver found beaten near Hebron

A Kiryat Gat taxi driver found beaten up on the side of the Kiryat Gat-Hebron road yesterday told police three Arabs had attacked him and stolen his cab. Yehuda Cohen said three young men hailed his cab and asked to be taken to Kafr Iona, then got in, beat him up, and threw him out of the cab, before driving off towards Hebron. Police launched a search, and set up roadblocks in the region, but so far have not found the cab. *Itim*

### Supreme Court weighs Meshulam appeal

The Supreme Court announced yesterday that it had postponed ruling on the appeal filed by Uzi Meshulam and seven of his followers of their conviction by Tel Aviv District Court in January on charges of endangering public security, possessing illegal weapons, and shooting at police. Meshulam was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment, while the seven got lesser terms. Their lawyer argued his clients had acted out of self-defense because they felt police aimed to attack them. He also maintained that there were defects in the trial. *Itim*

### Tourist jumps to death

A German tourist jumped to his death from a burning sixth-floor room at a Dead Sea hotel yesterday, in what police believe was a suicide. The Moriah Plaza hotel was evacuated for a short while as firefighters put out the blaze, which only affected the room of the tourist, Horst Buchholz. A police spokesman said the initial investigation showed the fire was set in Buchholz's room. The spokesman said it was apparently a suicide, although other avenues are being investigated. *Bill Hutman*

### Golani Brigade runners arrive in capital

Participants in the Golani Brigade annual run reached Jerusalem yesterday afternoon, and new recruits from the brigade were received at Beit Hanassi.

President Ezer Weizman told the soldiers that physical conditioning is one of the most important parts of being a soldier. He also asked them about their service and wished them a happy New Year. *Itim*

### Two more arrested for Rehovot gang rape

Two additional juveniles suspected of taking part in a series of gang rapes of two 14-year-old girls were arrested by Rehovot police yesterday. The girls complained to police Sunday night that they were subjected to a series of gang rapes over a three-week period at the home of a 19-year-old Rehovot resident, who allegedly filmed the acts. Police seized the camcorder used for filming the rapes and 8 video cassettes. The 19-year-old and a minor were arrested and remanded in Monday. *Raine Marcus*

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